

Life Group Discussion Questions

More Than Suggestions

Commandment #10 – Do Not Covet

Opportunity for Life Change:

God can help you find contentment and fight coveting.

God gave these commandments to people that he loved. These commandments were given from a foundation of relationship. God wants what is best for His people so he gave boundaries that would be good for the people.

These commandments are to be followed out of relationship rather than out of ritual or obligation.

Today's commandment is about coveting. To covet is to wish for things excessively and longingly. It is a desire to have what others have and an extreme need to have more.

Fortunately, God can help us find contentment with what we possess. To be content is to find satisfaction in what is, rather than focusing on what isn't. Contentment is about having enough without needing to pursue more and more.

Gathering Together (Icebreaker)

What do people seem to covet the most? What do you think are the reasons behind this type of behavior?

Growing Together (Truth/Equipping)

Read **Exodus 20:17**. What are the items mentioned in this passage that people may be tempted to covet?

Why is this temptation to covet such a big deal? What damage does coveting do to a person?

How does modern advertising influence the temptation to covet? How do we fight against giving into this pressure?

How can coveting lead to breaking some of the other 10 commandments?

Read **1 John 2:15**. For Christians, it is not that we want too much, it is that we want too much of the wrong things. How do we live out this passage of scripture?

Read **Psalms 100:1-5**. According to this passage, how can we develop a thankful heart and find contentment in our current circumstances? How do we develop a trust that God will provide for our needs?

Pray that Oakwood Church would continue to develop a passion for God and compassion for people.

Read **1 Corinthians 9:24-27**. In what ways can we make the most of our current set of circumstances? In what ways can we grow and develop our character so we are more prepared for what God may provide next?

Read **Matthew 25:14-30**. How can we expect to be given opportunities in the future if we are not faithful with our responsibilities in the present?

Read **Philippians 4:6-9**. What does this passage teach us about finding peace and contentment in our current situation?

Getting Real with One Another (Accessibility)

Is there something that you covet? Are you willing to share that item with your Life Group? Pray about that area and ask God to help you trust His provision in your life.

Group Prayer Time (Supplication)

Pray for each other and the items that have been shared with one another tonight.

Pray that Oakwood will be a place of healing and honesty about our struggles.