

Digging Deeper

Series: Ancient Words for a New Life

Sermon: It's a Steal!

Scripture: Exodus 20:15



GETTING STARTED

Describe a time when you had something stolen from you.

- How did it make you feel?
- How did you deal with the situation?

BIBLE STUDY

1. In what way does this Commandment affirm the concept of the right of private ownership of property?

- What dangers do we face when we begin to consider the things that we “own” as ours?

2. Look up the following verses and discuss the lessons we can learn from each of them when it comes to the idea of owning things or stealing.

Psalm 24:1

James 1:17

Romans 13:7

Deuteronomy 25:13-15

Malachi 3:8-10

3. Considering the instruction from the verses we just looked at, how can the following be considered a form of stealing?

- Padding an expense report?
- Taking extra long lunch hours?
- Claiming deductions we are not entitled to on our taxes?
- Refusing to serve in any capacity within the church?
- Paying bills late or not at all?

4. Read Luke 12:16-21 and answer the following questions:

- In your own words, summarize Jesus' teaching from verse 15 that a person's life does not consist in the abundance of things he possesses.
- Why is the rich farmer's affection for possessions “illogical”?

APPLY IT

Is there an area of your life where you realize that you are “stealing” from someone else?

- If so, what changes are you going to make in order to make things right?