



Group Discussion Document

Ice Breaker:

- Share a time when you borrowed something and forgot to return it. How did you feel when you remembered? Did you eventually return it?

Short Summary of the Sermon: The sermon focused on the 8th Commandment, "You shall not steal," emphasizing that theft is not just about taking possessions but is a reflection of a deeper spiritual issue—entitlement. Entitlement is the belief that one deserves more than they have earned, leading to dissatisfaction and relational breaks. The sermon highlighted various forms of theft, including borrowing without returning, not paying back debts, plagiarism, and stealing time. It called for a shift from entitlement to contentment, finding satisfaction in God alone.

Group Questions:

1. How does the concept of entitlement manifest in our daily lives, and how can it lead to different forms of theft?
2. Reflect on a time when you felt entitled to something. How did that feeling affect your actions and relationships?
3. The sermon mentioned various forms of theft beyond physical stealing. Which of these forms do you find most challenging to avoid, and why?
4. How can we cultivate a spirit of contentment in a culture that often promotes entitlement?
5. Discuss the biblical approach to restitution as mentioned in Numbers 5:5-7. How can this principle be applied in modern contexts?

Life Application:

- Identify one area in your life where you may be struggling with entitlement. This week, focus on practicing gratitude and contentment in that area. Consider ways to make amends if you have taken something that wasn't yours, whether it's time, ideas, or possessions.

Challenge:

- This week, intentionally practice simplicity. Choose one possession or activity that you can let go of to focus more on your relationship with God and others. Share your experience with the group next week.