

EXODUS

Week 26: The Eighth Commandment

Memory Verse:

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger,

Ephesians 4:26

1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family.

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2) REVIEW THE MISSION

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith.

How have you intentionally lived as an everyday missionary lately?

3) DISCUSS AND ENGAGE

Since we follow Jesus we seek to apply the Gospel continually to all of life. God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25).

Read Exodus 20:15, Exodus 22:1, Exodus 22:7, Proverbs 6:30-31, Jeremiah 2:26, James 5:4, Proverbs 20:17, and Proverbs 30:8-9.

How do these verses help you understand God's approach to theft?

The Westminster Confession lists offenses that violate the eighth commandment. Read this list and discuss which ones stand out, are convicting, or you had not thought of before:

"theft, robbery, manstealing, and receiving anything that is stolen; fraudulent dealing, false weights and measures (shady business dealings), removing landmarks (fraudulent real estate dealings), corrupt contracts, extortion, usury (unjust interest schemes like payday loans), bribery, vexatious lawsuits (frivolous lawsuits), unjust enclosures and depopulations (unjustly evicting people or pillaging their land); engrossing commodities to enhance the price (what people did with toilet paper and hand sanitizer in 2020)..."

Read Matthew 6:19-24

How does the Jesus' teaching help us repent of stealing?