

# Exodus: Journey of Revelation - Week 10

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## QUICK REVIEW

- 1) Looking back at your notes from Sunday's teaching, was there anything that caught your attention?

## The Goal

This week we are unpacking the last of the Ten Commandments, "Do not Covet." The goal of this particular study is to help people understand that coveting is more of an attitude than an action taken. Once again, this revolves around our hearts and our thinking. This week we will be reviewing the last nine weeks and discussing how God has used this study in our lives. We encourage you as a leader to do a review of the previous weeks' guides to help people remember. All of the Leader Guides can be found at <http://baysidech.com/life-group-leadership-tools/> Please take some time this study to discuss the future of your group and prayerfully consider continuing in the winter quarter beginning the week of January, 29 2017.

## MY STORY

- 2) Looking back at last week, did you learn something new?
- 3) Is there something you need to shift because of what you learned about bearing false testimony?
- 4) What was your take away from last week's study?

## DIGGING DEEPER

Exodus 20:17

"You must not covet your neighbor's house. You must not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor."

From *Faithlife Study Bible*

You shall not covet The Hebrew verb used here, *chamad*, does not condemn the general acquisition of possessions or the desire to collect things. It speaks to obsession or a desire so strong that it compels someone to violate another person's property. The command, however, speaks to more than just an internal disposition (compare Prov 6:25). Parallel passages indicate that the act of theft is associated with this command (Exod 34:24; Josh 7:21), as well as the earlier prohibition against stealing (Exod 20:15). Consequently, the relationship and distinction between the two commands is not completely clear.<sup>2</sup>

5) What does it mean to covet?

From *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*:

"marked by inordinate desire for wealth or possessions or for another's possessions"<sup>3</sup>

- 6) Does the verse from Exodus teach that it is wrong to desire something?
- 7) Where does a desire cross the line from a desire to coveting?
- 8) What actions can coveting a neighbor's possessions (or his or her spouse) lead to?

The verse from Exodus goes further than just the act of Coveting; it gets specific. God is speaking again to the hearts of the people. Coveting can potentially lead to the action of theft or adultery if not kept in check and surrendered to God.

## TAKING IT HOME

- 9) Over the last ten weeks we have unpacked all Ten Commandments and several other ideas. What are the key points you are walking away from this study with?

Below are some quick refreshers for the past 9 weeks.

- Week 1: Trusting Gods provision.
- Week 2: When people attack.
- Week 3: How can you serve? Shared leadership.
- Week 4: You are God's treasured possession.
- Week 5: Commandment (1) Idols instead of God; (2) No carved images of God; (3) Do not take the Lord's name in vain.
- Week 6: Keep the Sabbath and get some rest.
- Week 7: Honor your father and mother.
- Week 8: Do not murder; do not commit adultery.
- Week 9: Do not steal; do not testify falsely against your neighbor.

10) How has God used this study to impact your life personally?

## CHAIR TIME TOOLS

11) Write a gratitude list.

List all the things God has blessed you with and all the things you are grateful for, large and small.

After your list is complete pray over them and thank God directly for them.

<sup>1</sup> Tyndale House Publishers, *Holy Bible: New Living Translation* (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, 2013), Ex 20:17.

<sup>2</sup> John D. Barry et al., *Faithlife Study Bible* (Bellingham, WA: Lexham Press, 2012, 2016), Ex 20:17.

<sup>3</sup> Inc Merriam-Webster, *Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*. (Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, Inc., 2003).