



**Life Group Study Questions**  
**Week 9 - You shall not steal**

1. Read Exodus 20:15 together. What stands out to you from this commandment? What questions come to mind? What stood out to you from this weekend's sermon?
2. Does this command seem easier to keep than the other ones? Why or why not?
3. The Hebrew word for steal used here is "ganab" which means to "carry away secretly". It means a subtle, secretive, deceitful act. Does this understanding fit what you think when you think of "stealing"?
4. Pastor Andrew talked about ways we break this command today. Look at the list below and be honest about the ones you struggle with:
  - cheating, swindling, fraud
  - Counterfeit money, greed
  - Charging someone excessive interest
  - Not paying taxes
  - Overcharging for work done
  - time theft (wasting time at work)
  - illegal downloading
  - plagiarism
  - not paying your bills
  - abusing return policies at stores
5. The first way to obey this commandment is to recognize that God owns everything. React to the following quote: "We steal because we are not satisfied with what we have." Do you agree or disagree?
6. The second way to obey this commandment is to learn to trust God. Pastor Andrew said that stealing is "a disease of un-faith. When you steal you are saying God is not all good, he cannot be trusted, and I need to take matters into my own hands." Do you agree with that statement?
7. Read Hebrews 13:5-6 and Philipians 4:19. How does learning to trust God help in not stealing?
8. The last way to obey this commandment is to be generous. In what ways do you see generosity in your own life? Is this an area you can grow in?