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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Please feel free to pick and choose questions that relate best to you and your Life Group.

Family Values Week 7 – Do Not Steal

Ice-Breaker – Have you ever had anything stolen? How did it make you feel?

If you knew you wouldn't be found out, what would you be willing to steal?

What are some of the benefits of obeying commandment #8?

Was there a main idea that stood out to you in this week's message?

READ: Exodus 20:15

What is it about theft that displeases God?

What are some of the most common forms of stealing? In addition to money and personal property, what are some of the other things that can be stolen?

Are some forms of stealing worse than others?

What makes it so difficult for people to keep this commandment?

What effect has theft had on our society?

Which of the following would classify as theft?

- Copying another's written material into your own report without giving credit.
- Reporting less income than is true on your income tax return.
- Using copies of a computer software program when the license allows you only one.
- Accepting more change than was due you because the clerk made a mistake.
- Pocketing a dollar bill that you saw someone unknowingly drop.

What is the role of restitution when someone has been convicted of stealing?

What are some safeguards that can help us avoid falling into this sin?

How can you restate this commandment positively, as a freedom?

God said, "You must not steal." - Exodus 20:15

Jesus said, "If someone wants to take your shirt, give him your coat too." - Matthew 5:40