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Confirmation Independent Study/Make-up Lesson

Session 9: Trustworthiness

1. Read Leviticus 26:3-13. Then put the verse numbers next to the thought that summarizes what the verses are about:

    a. God will feel near to you   vv. _____

    b. Threats will be removed and enemies vanquished   vv. _____

    c. Harvests will be plentiful and food abundant   vv. _____

    d. If you obey the Lord . . .   vv. _____

2. Read Exodus 20:15. What is prohibited in this commandment? _____

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3. Read Exodus 22:1-4. Note what is true or false based on this passage:

    True or False   When a thief is caught the judges will order a hand to be cut off as punishment.

    True or False   If a thief is caught and cannot pay what he owes for his theft, he must sell himself into slavery until he has worked off his debt.

    True or False   If a thief is caught he usually has to pay double what he took; sometimes even more.

    True or False   If a thief is breaking in to a house in the middle of the night and he gets killed by the owner protecting his property, the owner will be guilty of murder.

4. Which do you think is a better penalty for stealing: (circle or mark the letter of your answer):

    [a] Paying back double the value of what your stole (Ex. 22:4), or

    [b] Going to jail?

    Explain your answer:

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5. Read Malachi 3:8-12.
    a. Define the word *tithe*: _____

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    b. To whom does the tithe belong? Or, in other words, if the tithe is not being paid in
        full, who is being robbed or cheated? _____

    c. What did the Lord promise if his people brought the full tithe to the temple?

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6. Psalm 37:21 According to this passage, what is the difference between a righteous
    person and a wicked or ungodly person? _____

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7. Read Ephesians 4:28.
    a. What does this say is a reason to get a job and earn money? _____

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    b. How does it feel to steal? _____

    c. How does it feel to help someone who is in need? _____

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    d. Which is better? _____

8. Read 2 Thessalonians 3:6-12.
    a. What kind of example did Paul and his coworkers set? _____

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b. Describe two ways that Paul wanted the church in Thessalonica respond to members who sat around all day without doing anything useful? (v. 6 & 10)

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9. The Lutheran Catechism explains the seventh commandment this way: *"We should fear and love God that we may not take our neighbor's money or property, nor get them by false ware or dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and business."*

a. What do you think the world would be like if everyone did their best to "improve and protect his [neighbor's] property and business? _____

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b. Try to think of some things a teenager could do that would help someone "improve and protect their property and business." _____

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c. Why would littering or painting graffiti on someone else's property be like stealing?

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10. In your opinion, is it stealing to . . . .

Y/N   To take a piece of gum from your mom's purse?

Y/N   To borrow a pencil from a friend and not return it?

Y/N   To eat a few grapes in the produce department at the grocery store before you pay?

Y/N   To download a song or movie from the Internet, or get a copy of it from a friend without paying for it?

Y/N   To look over at a neighbors test in class to check your answer?

Y/N   To use an old research paper that your older brother or sister wrote and turn it in as your own?

Y/N   To sleep in your parents' home and eat their food without doing any work in the home?

Y/N   To use a friend's Netflix account without them knowing or giving permission?

Y/N   To sell or trade something that is defective, without telling the buyer.

Y/N   To accidentally break something that doesn't belong to you and pretend it wasn't your fault so you don't have to pay for it?

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