

Last Week

This is the last week of our Ten Commandments series *and* the last week to get involved in *Building Hope*. If you haven't already, take time this week to write a note of encouragement on the *Building Hope* banner in the North Campus lobby. And you can contribute toward the construction of the "Life Discipleship Center" needed by our Outreach Partner, *Life to Life Africa*.

Life to Life Africa shares the love of Christ and spreads the gospel of Christ through addressing the physical and spiritual needs of orphans, widows and the elderly in Chinhoyi, Zimbabwe. Mike Sulc and his *Life to Life* team teach farming techniques and job and life skills to the people of Chinhoyi. Their ministry of practical help done with compassion and dignity paves the way for them to share the good news of Jesus. It's an amazing ministry!

Life to Life now needs a larger, better building for their classes and meetings. That's where we come in! By each of us giving as God enables us, we can raise the \$20,000 needed to build the 3,200 sq. ft. "Life Discipleship Center." We've challenged at least 800 people at Hopevale to give \$25 each to construct 4 sq ft of this project. We've donated around \$9000 so far. Will you help finish the Center?

Here's how to get involved:

- **Learn more** about *Life to Life Africa* and our *Building Hope* project by stopping by the Outreach Desk or going to <http://hopevale.org/#/outreach/church-wide-projects>.
- **Write a note of encouragement** on the *Building Hope* banner in the North Campus lobby any time on Sunday.
- **Give as God leads you** toward building the Life Discipleship Center. You can drop your gift (cash or check) in the boxes near the Outreach Desk, or you can give online at https://hopevale.ccbchurch.com/trx_submit.php?type=public_gift.

I want it! Our children can covet just as much as we do—and often express it more openly. How can we help them learn to be thankful and content? As parents we need to be careful not to feed the belief that "new toy equals happiness." Focus your family more on time together and blessing others, and let the latest video game wait a while. And involve your children in helping *other children* less fortunate through projects like *Building Hope* and our upcoming Bible Camp outreach project. Your kids will become more grateful and more content.

More Than Enough
the TEN series

Be Content

“I don’t know how it happens,” Lee confessed. “I go so easily from ‘That would be nice’ to ‘I need that’ and ‘I deserve that.’”

1. Read through Exodus 20:3-17 together, taking turns. How is the last commandment different from the others? Why do you think God placed it at the end of the list of commandments?
2. Put in your own words what it means to “covet”? How do we distinguish between good desires and selfish ones (coveting)? Give examples of both. These Scriptures will help.
 - James 4:1-4—
 - 1 Timothy 6:6-9—
 - Philippians 4:10-13—
 - Romans 13:8-10—
3. Rewrite the end of this commandment for us today: “You should not covet . . .” What do we tend to covet these days? Why do we think we *need* these things?
4. What do you sometimes covet that someone else has or does? How has your relationship with that person been affected?
5. Dan shared ways we can *learn* to be content (below). Which of these especially spoke to you? How can these steps help you deal with coveting in your own life?
 - Gratitude to God
 - Gladness toward others (stop comparing and start celebrating)
 - Generosity with our possessions
6. As we conclude *The TEN* series, share one thing you’ve learned and one way our study of the Ten Commandments has helped you.

You shall not covet . . . anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Exodus 20:17