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Sermon: **The 8th Commandment – Part 1 (Exodus 20:1-21)**

Date: **December 17, 2023**

Group Discussion Questions

1. How did the Holy Spirit speak to you through the teaching and bible passage this week?
2. What does the 8th commandment forbid us from doing? What does it require of us?
3. What is theft? Give a definition.
4. Read Psalm 50:10-11. Who ultimately owns all that we have? Why is this important to keep in mind when we consider the sinfulness of theft?
5. Pastor Jacob explained that when we steal something, we are essentially claiming that we know better than God. Why is that the case? Explain.
6. How are free markets (where individuals and businesses are encouraged to freely transact and multiply their wealth in an ethical way without government intervention) rooted in the 8th commandment? Explain.
7. Read Exodus 22:1, 22:4, and 22:14. In the wisdom of God, how are violators of the 8th commandment punished? Compare and contrast this with our current judicial system.



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8. How are idleness and laziness violations of the 8th commandment? What are some Scriptures that speak to the sinfulness of idleness and laziness?

9. Read 1 Timothy 6:17. What different lessons does this verse teach us about wealth?