

JOYOUS GENEROSITY

Proclamation Life Groups; Week of Sunday, May 15, 2022; Exodus 20:15; Richie Pendred

Sermon Theme – God is a God who saves and a God who sanctifies. So, God desires a people who obey His Law. At the heart of His command to not steal is the need to put to death thievery, treasure the Lord Jesus Christ, and pursue generosity regarding our work and our giving for God’s glory!

I. Commandment Given – Read Exodus 20:15 and Leviticus 6:1-5

- A. What are the two themes that span the book of Exodus? What is the purpose of the ten commandments? How does God use the commandments to sanctify His people?
- B. How would you state the 8th Commandment negatively and positively?
- C. Read Leviticus 6:1-5. What observations do you make surrounding the nature of theft? What are some reasons why theft opposes God’s design within the community?
- D. What are some of the reasons humanity is prone to steal rather than pursue generosity? What forms of stealing are you most likely to excuse?

II. Commandment Fulfilled – Read Genesis 27:1-23 and John 10:7-18

- A. Read Genesis 27:1-23 and Luke 22:1-3. In what ways do Jacob and Judas break the 8th commandment? How are Jacob and Judas similar and different from one another?
- B. Read Matthew 10:5-11. How does Jesus fulfill the 8th commandment in His life?
- C. In John 10:7-18, what is the difference between the thieves and the shepherd? What is the nature of the Shepherd’s heart? What is the greatest display of generosity that Jesus demonstrates towards His sheep?
- D. How does the gospel transform the way that we view generosity? How is it an encouragement to you that every theft you’ve committed has been paid for by the greatest demonstration of generosity — the death of the Lord Jesus?

III. Commandment Applied – Read Ephesians 4:25-28

- A. What does it look like to put to death thievery in our lives and hearts?
- B. How does the generosity of Christ stimulate our desire to give to others joyfully?
- C. In what ways would you like to excel still more in your work and giving for the good of others and for the glory of Christ’s name?