

# Small Group Discussion Guide

“Top Ten Summer” (pt. 9) – 08.09.2015

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:17

**Bottom Line:** God is most glorified in me when I am most satisfied in Him.

## INTRODUCTION/ICEBREAKER:

This week we will bring our series on the Ten Commandments to a close. Spend a few minutes discussing how your small group's understanding of the Commandments have changed. What are some big things you're taking away from this series?

## UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

**Read Exodus 20:17**

### 1) What is coveting? Give some examples of how we covet things in our area.

- a) Attaching value or happiness to having what someone else has.
- b) Comparing my life and possessions to others.

### 2. What does coveting do to us? Do you relate to any of these?

- a)... Perpetual dissatisfaction... Entitlement.. Exhaustion (constantly competing)... Wrecks finances (debt to get bigger and better).

### 3. What life does God offer instead of coveting?

A.Coveting is insanity - God offers a life of freedom

- 1.Desiring something to fulfill us that is guaranteed to fail. die, sag or nag (car, body, wife)
- B.There is only one thing that we can rest our whole identity, value, joy, happiness, and contentment on that will never fail, break, or die. That is the resurrected Jesus.

### 2. What areas of coveting do you struggle with?

## LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

### 1. What would total satisfaction in God bring to your life?

- a)...Glorifies God...Frees me to enjoy my house, family, job- not use them...Frees others from the crushing weight of my expectations...witness to Jesus in a consumeristic culture.

### 2) How does God defeat covetousness in us? What are some practical steps?

- a) **Gratitude** - James 1:17, “Every good gift & every perfect gift is from above”.
- b) **Trust** - If God hasn't given it to me yet, it's for my good or his glory.
- c) **Love** the people you tend to covet.
- d) **Celebrate other people's success** (see on FB the vacation they took that you covet?)
- e) **Generosity** - When I give stuff away, stuff loses its grip on me