

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE TENTH COMMANDMENT — Part 2  
The Ten Commandments — Week 16

**ICEBREAKER:** What would make you totally content right now?

**OVERVIEW:** Covetousness is the mother of all sins. It is the root of all sins. All sins begin as covetousness. If you can conquer covetousness, then you can overcome unhappiness, relational conflict, and just about every other sin in your life. But what is covetousness, how do you detect it in your heart, and how do you cure it? This week we will learn how to overcome the sin of covetousness.

1. **Read Exodus 20:17.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. What is the sin of covetousness?
3. How is covetousness deceitful? What are some ways that people try to rationalize or justify their covetousness?
4. How is covetousness a lack of faith?
5. How does covetousness lead to other sins?

6. How does covetousness cause you to get your priorities mixed up?
7. What are some signs that a person is struggling with covetousness?
8. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-8. What is the cure for covetousness?
9. What is contentment?
10. How can a Christian grow in contentment?
11. Read 1 Timothy 6:18-19. How can focusing on storing up heavenly treasure help you to overcome covetousness?

**The Last Word:** "Believe that condition to be best which God by his providence carves out to you... There is no better antidote against coveting than which is another's than being content with that which is our own." Thomas Watson