

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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OF PEACE
Called to Connect



Contentment, Gratitude, Generosity

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The Ten Words still speak today. As we culminate the series with the 9th and 10th commandments, we'll see clearly how all ten commandments are intended to create contentment, gratitude, and generosity.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: EXODUS 20:17

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

The 9th and 10th commandments sound the warning bell about wanting anything and everything that isn't yours. In Luke 12:15 Jesus told his followers, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Jesus wanted his followers in every age and time to know that true contentment comes to us not by wanting our neighbor's stuff but by wanting what we already have.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Share about something a neighbor has that you really wish you had too.
- Have you ever experienced buyer's remorse? Share about that.
- ***Wanting what we already have leads to Contentment. Contentment is found in knowing that God is all we need.*** How does your relationship with God bring you contentment? Share about a time that you felt especially content. What was the source of your contentment?
- ***Contentment leads to Gratitude. When we discover that we're gripped and embraced by a God who provides for us, we are set loose to practice gratitude.*** Take turns sharing five things you are grateful for today. Share about a life lesson that you are grateful to have learned. Share about an attribute of God or a promise from God that you are especially grateful for.
- ***Gratitude leads to Generosity. God gave us what we need so that we could circulate it.*** Read Genesis 12:1-3. Share about a time that you circulated what God gave you, paid it forward, and/or were blessed to be a blessing. How has your generosity been a blessing to others? How has your generosity been a blessing to you?

CHALLENGE: Practice the secret to happiness by wanting what you already have. Pray that you will experience contentment that leads to gratitude that leads to generosity.