**Homework for Exodus 20:17 - The 10th Word**

1. **Read as many of these passages as time permits**. Deut. 25:5-26:19;1 Sam. 2:7; Ps. 75:7; Ecc. 4:4; Micah 2:2; Prov. 21:26; Acts20:33; Rom. 12:10; Col. 3:5; 1 John 2:15-17.
2. The 10 words primarily relate to actions that are forbidden, but the 10th is unique in that it addresses our desires. Why is it critical to understand that we sin not only by our actions but also with our desires?
3. The Westminster Catechism asks in question 148: What are the sins forbidden in the 10th commandment? Answer: The sins forbidden in the 10th commandment are, discontentment with our own estate; envying and grieving at the good of our neighbor, together with all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

How does this answer expand your understanding of coveting? What part of this answer do you find the most convicting?

1. What are various forms of coveting?
2. Compare the progression of Eve’s sin (Gen. 3) with that of Achan’s sin (Joshua 7:20-21), and Kind David’s sin (2 Samuel 11:2-6). What pattern did you notice? What were the consequences?
3. How should each of these people have dealt with the desirable, forbidden things when they first saw them? See Ps. 101:2-4.
4. Think of the Israelites and what we have studied thus far. How did coveting play a role in their journey? How did their perspective while wandering in the wilderness lead them to falsely remember their past suffering?
5. 4 Heart Checks to help. Think of examples when:
6. The object of your desire was wrong.
7. You used wrong means to obtain that desire.
8. The motivation for your desire was wrong.
9. Your attitude while waiting was wrong.
10. Which one of these heart checks exposes the places, the areas, in which you are currently coveting?
11. What are you believing or not believing about the Lord?
12. Why is it impossible for us to love our neighbor when we covet what they have?
13. Our culture is consumed with materialism, how can you display a life of joyful contentment in God?
14. Can you think of times in your life that you missed the joys of a season because you were so preoccupied with what you desired?
15. Read Titus 3:3-8. As you meditate on these verses, what encouragement do you find? How does His mercy and grace encourage you as you reflect on the 10th commandment, coveting?
16. Read and meditate on Romans chapter 7.