



# DIGGING DEEPER

Exodus 20v17 – You shall not covet

**PLEASE READ** – 2 Samuel 11v1-5 / Joshua 7v1, v19-25

## GETTING STARTED

What do these 2 OT stories help us understand about coveting?

### 1) WHAT IS COVETING?

With Ex 20v17 open before you and those 2 OT stories fresh in your mind, how would define coveting in one simple sentence?

What things are you most likely to covet?

*Homes / cars / wealth / position / gifts / looks / opportunity / fame / comfort / something else...*

### 2) WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Chat about how coveting impacts your...

- Relationship with God
- Relationship with others
- Own heart

### 3) HOW DO WE COMBAT IT?

Talk about the relationship between coveting and contentment... (1 Tim 6v6-8)

What is the secret of being content? (See Phil 4v12-13)

Chat about the statement below...

*"If the heart is full of thankfulness there is no room for discontent."*

How do we foster an attitude of gratitude?

How does the teaching of Jesus in Mt 6v19-21 address the issue of coveting?

**Meditate on the words of Paul below...**

***Phil 4v12-13:*** *I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.*