

**First Presbyterian Church**  
**Exodus 20:15**  
**Small Group Questions/Sermon Questions/Notes**  
**8/9/20**

1. If a hurricane were coming and you only had time to grab three items from your house (no people, pets, letters, or photos), what three items would you grab?
2. How have your notions of what you wanted to do with your resources and things differed from what God has wanted you to do with your resources and things?
3. Have you ever explicitly stolen anything? If so, what (if any) were the consequences?
4. Can you think of any examples of things that are technically legal, but that God might think of as stealing?
5. What work has God given you to do? How do you feel about it?
6. Have you ever given something to someone else that was costly to you? How did that make you feel?
7. Have any of the 10 commandments caused you to seek forgiveness in Christ in a new way?

### **Sermon Questions**

Does the Bible endorse socialism?

What distinguishes stewardship from the notion of private property?

What does our stealing from another person mean about our understanding of that person's value?

Does something need to be illegal to be considered stealing in God's eyes?

Why does Paul tell us to work instead of steal?

What impact does giving to someone in need have on us?

How can we prevent the 10 commandments from being a list of 'must dos'?

### **Key Scriptures/Concepts**

#### **Psalm 21:1**

- The earth is the LORD 's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

#### **Malachi 3:8-9**

- "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me.

#### **Matthew 21:12-13**

- Jesus entered the temple courts and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. "It is written," he said to them, " 'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'"

#### **Ephesians 4:28**

- Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

#### **Mark 15:27 (REB)**

- Two robbers were with him, one on his right and the other on his left

#### **Luke 23:43**

- Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."