Sermon Notes: Exodus 20:15 & Joshua 7:1-26

Do Not Steal

MAIN POINT: We love others by not taking what God has entrusted to them.

4 Reasons Why Stealing is Wrong

1. **Stealing violates God's ownership of everything.** (Joshua 6:17-19, 7:1)

2. **Stealing brings harm on others.** (Joshua 7:2-9)

3. **Stealing displays greed more than love.** (Joshua 7:10-21)

4. **Stealing leads to damaging consequences.** (Joshua 7:22-26)

We encourage you to take some time this week with your family, friends, or by yourself to review and apply the sermon through these questions.

SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

PASSAGE:	**MAIN POINT:**
Joshua 7:1-26	We love others by not taking what God has entrusted to them.

REVIEW

1. According to Joshua 6:17-19 what was Israel to do with the spoils of the battle of Jericho? Why?

2. What were some of the results of Achan's thief in these verses?

   Joshua 7:4-5

   Joshua 7:24-25

3. What three steps does Joshua 7:21 indicate was part of Achan's sin?

APPLICATION

4. Would you consider the following stealing? Why or why not?

   - Considering my possession and money mine because of my hard work
   - Doing something at work other than your job
   - Not paying an employee a fair wage
   - Not reporting all of your income on your taxes
   - Not contributing of your time, talents, and financially to support the work of our church

6. What one step can you take to allow Christ to work in your heart to become more faithful to the 8th commandment?