

WORDS TO LIVE BY

A FRESH LOOK AT THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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The Power of Desire

The tenth commandment (or word) addresses the matter of our desires. It's not only exterior acts that need guidance and direction but also internal feelings, attitudes, and desires. The tenth word reveals how demanding the words of God are. But as we look at this command in all the Scriptures, we discover how we can live out these words over time in a growing relationship with Jesus through the Holy Spirit.

Read Exodus 20:17.

- Do you struggle with covetousness in your life today? What are you most likely to covet (stuff, relationships, circumstances)?
- In what way does the final commandment impact our understanding of the others? (see Matthew 5:21-22, 27-28; Mark 7:20-23)
- In what way does the final commandment uniquely amplify the work of sin in our lives? (see Romans 7:7-9)
- What is the positive way to obey the tenth commandment? (see 1 Timothy 6:6-7)
- How do we reach a true contentment in our lives? (see Philippians 4:11-13)
- How are the commandments meant to be lived out in the life of a follower of Jesus today? (see Romans 13:8-10)

Praying together

Holy Spirit, help me to grow more fully into the freedom and lifestyle outlined in the Ten Commandments (or words) in my life today.