



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: The Ten Commandments, How Free People Live – You Shall Steal & You Shall Not Give False Testimony Against Your Neighbor

Speaker: Rich Villodas, Lead Pastor

Scripture: Exodus 20:15-16

“You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.”

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Sermon Outline:

1. We sin against others when we refuse what is theirs
2. We live in a world that steals.
3. People steal for either security or significance. Security is: "Will I have enough?" Significance asks: "Am I enough?"
4. Free people give, enslaved people take.
5. The eighth commandment says to protect the possessions of your neighbor the ninth says to protect their reputation.
6. These two commandments say: "We are to be a truthful people."
7. The degree to which we live in truth is the degree to which we are free.
8. We lie to believe a deeper lie -- that we can shape our identity that isn't based on the love of God.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday Pastor Rich Villodas continues the series on the Ten Commandments. This week we focus on the eighth and ninth commandment, do not steal and do not give false testimony.

Sermon Questions:

What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why

- How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? How so?
- In your family of origin what were the pressing needs that had to be met? How were they met? How was gossip dealt with in your family?
- How can you be more generous with what you have?
- Have you either slandered or been slandered unfairly? How did this effect you?
- Where do you find yourself lying and/or stealing?
- Do you struggle accepting that you are fully loved by God? How can you focus on that truth in order to be more free? What in your past holds you back from fully accepting that truth?