







Small Group/ Reflection Notes

17-11-2024		10:10 – You shall not covet	
 Start	<input type="checkbox"/> What have you seen this week that's made you think, "I want that!"		
 Discuss	<input type="checkbox"/> What do you give/ gift someone, like Elon Musk, who appears to have everything? <input type="checkbox"/> Why do we so often crave "stuff"? And especially, other people's "stuff"? <input type="checkbox"/> What does advertising seek to do? <i>How</i> does it do this? <input type="checkbox"/> Do digital/ contactless payments make it easier or harder to appreciate 'the value of money'? <input type="checkbox"/> How do we avoid "stuff" becoming a substitute for God in our lives (idolatry)? <input type="checkbox"/> How do we cultivate an attitude of gratitude? <input type="checkbox"/> What does it mean to live more simply? Why bother? <input type="checkbox"/> What came first: the <i>chicken</i> or the <i>egg</i> ?		
 Read	<u>Exodus 20:1-17</u>	 Listen again	ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch
 Explore	<input type="checkbox"/> v.17 : What does it mean to 'covet' something or someone? How is this old-fashioned word apt for a totally modern attitude? <i>Why</i> do we 'covet'? Why do you think coveting is in 'the 10'? <input type="checkbox"/> v.17 : What examples of coveting were given? What does this say about Israelite society attitudes back then? Why were <i>women</i> and <i>slaves</i> viewed as "stuff" (objects/ possessions) alongside other 'belongings'? What is dehumanising language? What can it lead to? How does coveting dehumanise others? Dehumanise us? <input type="checkbox"/> v.17 : How can 'coveting' as an attitude, if left unchecked, result in actions that break the other #1 st -9 th ? <input type="checkbox"/> Philippians 4:11-13 : What does it mean to ' <i>be content</i> '? Is it easier to be content when you have <i>plenty</i> or are in <i>need</i> ? How do you 'learn the secret to contentment'? How does cultivating an attitude of gratitude help foster contentment? <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Peter 2:9 : How/ why are we/you God's 'possession'? How does this bolster our self-worth? Why is "stuff" no substitute for knowing who we truly are in Christ? Is this just a Christian cliché? <input type="checkbox"/> What comes first: <i>our love for God</i> or <i>our desire to keep 'the 10'</i> ? <input type="checkbox"/> What turns this #10 th from a <i>commandment</i> into a <i>promise</i> ?		
Go further 	<input type="checkbox"/> Mark 12:28-34 : Was Jesus referring specifically to 'the 10' or all of the Old Testament Law (Jewish tradition says, in all, there are 613 commandments.) <input type="checkbox"/> How did Jesus summarise the Law? Love _____. Love _____. Love _____. <input type="checkbox"/> Why is <i>love</i> fundamentally core to the Law, including 'the 10'? <input type="checkbox"/> What do each of 'the 10' look like through the lens of love?		

	<input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 6:4-5 : How did Jesus use/ reframe this well-known quote from the Law? What did the original text say? What did Jesus say? What does that suggest Jesus understood by 'love God'? Why does loving God, loving others, loving yourself come as a bundle that can't be separated?
 Reflect	<input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? <input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? <input type="checkbox"/> What one thing will you do differently?
 Do	<input type="checkbox"/> Do some 'decluttering'. Sort through your "stuff". Keep what you need. What do you not use/ wear? What can be better used/ appreciated by others? Freecycle or take to a charity shop. <input type="checkbox"/> As a small group, plan a 'Secret Santa' with each secret gift being something that was either made or freecycled i.e. not purchased.
 Pray	
 My questions:	

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