Small Group Questions 14 July 2019

You shall not covet your neighbour's… (Exodus 20:17)

Gillingham Community Church

Read

Exodus 20:17

17 "You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour."

Mark 7:20-23

And he (Jesus) said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. 21 For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, 22 coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. 23 All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

1 John 1:5-10

5 This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6 If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

8 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us

Questions

1. When does a legitimate desire to own or have something turn into covetousness?
2. Why does our thought life matter so much?
3. How do we control our thoughts? Are there strategies to help us?
4. How can we learn contentment?
5. How often should we seek forgiveness? Hasn't Jesus already forgiven us and isn't there a danger of being too introspective?
6. God may forgive us, but can we forgive ourselves?