**Q54. Why does God give the tenth commandment: You shall not covet?**

So we will be content and satisfied with what God has provided, trusting in His plan.

1. Share with your group how you defined (before tonight’s lecture) the word covet. Has your definition changed? If so in what ways?
2. What have you been guilty of coveting? Is this still a problem or have you had success in killing this desire?

**Read James 1:13-15. Using this passage answer the next 5 questions.**

1. Do you see the process that leads to sin and death? List the steps out here.
2. Where does this process that leads to death start? Can you give a personal example of a time in your life when your desires seduced you to temptation?
3. What does verse 15 mean when it says “then desire when it has conceived”? What does desire conceive with?
4. What does this conception bring about? Do you see in verse 15 that if sin has its way its ultimate goal is always death?
5. Does having a better understanding of how this process works help you in your fight to put sin to death?
6. What is the ultimate way we “put to death” our covetousness?
7. Have you ever tried to find contentment in something other than God? How did that work out for you?
8. Share some of the practical ways you turned your focus to the things of God? How have these helped your contentment?
9. Have you ever been told to “follow your heart”? Read Jer. 17:9, would you follow someone you knew was deceitful? In light of this, how should we treat our “heart”? (Remember our desires come from our heart.)
10. Have you ever used Philippians 4:13 out of context? In light of tonight’s teaching how do you view this very misused verse?
11. Do you see Paul’s total contentment in Christ in these verses? Do you want this kind of contentment? Why or why not?

**Hebrews 13:5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”**

1. What is Scripture’s reasoning for your contentment according to this verse in Hebrews?