**Midweek Gathering**

Section: The Law

Lesson #43 - Q52: November 8, 2023

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Q52. Why does God give the eighth commandment: You shall not steal?**

**So we will be content with what we have and seek to be generous.**

**1. We learned tonight that there are many ways to violate the 8th commandment, even If we don't actually commit the crime of theft. What are some of the reasons this is true?**

**2. Read Philippians 2:3-4. What does it mean for us to look to the interests of others?**

**3. Refer to your handout and look at the list of practical prohibitions that are implied in the 8th commandment. As you consider the prohibitions in the 8th commandment are there any that you need to repent of?**

**4. Read Ephesians 4:28. This verse tells us what repentance from stealing looks like. Why is just abstaining from stealing not enough to show true repentance?**

**5. What are some ways you would like to be more generous with others? What steps can you take toward practicing more generosity?**

**6. Read Acts 20:34-35. Is it a good thing to be generous because we want the blessing that comes from it?**

**7. What does being a good steward have to do with keeping the commandment not to steal?**

**8. Discuss the 4 main points of being a good steward:**

1. **Our gifts and abilities**
2. **Give what we owe**
3. **Work hard and provide for ourselves and our families**
4. **Live within our means**

**9. What is the blessing that comes from being generous?**

**\*Pray together to close at 8pm - Look to fellowship with your folks after you dismiss.**