



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
R O C H E S T E R

Growth Group Discussion Guide
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Refresh

Read Ephesians 4:28 to get the Scripture passage back in your mind.

Discuss

Why is it insufficient to think of Ephesians 4:28 as merely a command not to steal? What else are we commanded to do? How are these commands connected to one another?

We all know stealing is forbidden. Yet, we are often tempted to steal today. What are some ways that we are tempted to steal that might seem less egregious than, say, robbing a bank?

What does our stealing in these ways reveal about our hearts? What does it reveal about how we view God? Why might it be important to diagnose the heart behind stealing?

In what ways does our working reflect the Person of God? How do we see His example of work throughout Scripture? In what ways do we image God to the world around us when we work?

Why is it significant that work was prescribed by God for mankind prior to the fall? What does that tell us about work? How might this help us better understand the place of work in our lives?

How does Ephesians 4:28 clearly show the transformation of the gospel? How does this transformation move us from reflecting our own flesh to reflecting God in our lives?

How has God used a generous person in your life to particularly bless you? Spend some time reflecting on God's kindness to use that individual.

Take some time to discuss how these actions can contribute to our joy. Distinguish what joy looks like when you steal compared to what joy looks like when you are generous toward others. How might this difference inform us of the importance of being generous in our lives?