

Central Evangelical Church Cell Groups

Week beginning Sunday 31st August 2014

This is only a guide to start the conversation – use it, or not, as you wish..

God's Rules for Living - Do not covet

1. What insights, challenges etc. did you get from the sermons on Sunday?
2. Deuteronomy 7:25 Do you think this applies to us today in respect to taking things from other religions that we think might be good to add to the way we practice our Christian faith? If so, are there any examples you can think of?
3. St. Thomas Aquinas said that "Coveting is the root of all actual sins". Do you agree? Do you have an alternative root?
4. Christians must find their fulfilment in God. Hebrews 13:5 tells us "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for He hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Is there any practical ways that we can be content with what we have and find our fulfilment in God?
5. 1Timothy 6:10 tells us that "The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil." 1Timothy 6:9 tells us that it can be divisive and harmful. Do you know of any examples of this happening? See also James 3;16
6. St. Augustine saw envy as "the diabolical sin." "From envy are born hatred, detraction, calumny, joy caused by the misfortune of a neighbour, and displeasure caused by his prosperity."
7. Luke 12:15 If we were likely to treat Covetousness lightly, Jesus has a message for us in this verse which is very appropriate for the 21st century - even the 21st century church! Considering this verse, is it possible that the church in the west is now so materialistic that God can no longer work through us?