

Part 9: Commandments & Communion Pastor Grant Fishbook March 12 & 13, 2011

Commandment: A divine, imperative directive

The Ten Commandments

- 1. You shall have no other gods before me
- 2. You shall not make or worship any idols
- 3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain
- 4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy
- 5. Honor your father and your mother
- 6. You shall not murder
- 7. You shall not commit adultery
- 8. You shall not steal
- 9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor
- 10. You shall not covet

A logical conclusion from the Ten Commandments:

God has a problem with takers.

Communion: A simple yet powerful <u>remembrance</u> of the sacrifice of Jesus.

How should this affect us as we come to "take" Communion?

- 1. We must acknowledge that all of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)
- 2. We must recognize that, as sinners, we are all in desperate need of a Savior. (1 Timothy 1:5)
- 3. We must acknowledge that Jesus took our punishment and paid our penalty. (Colossians 2:13-14)
- 4. We must examine ourselves and acknowledge that we are guilty. (1 Corinthians 11:28)
- 5. We must marvel that in spite of our disobedience, God welcomes us to come to His table. (Luke 15:2)

Small Group Questions

- 1) What are you most looking forward to as spring arrives?
- 2) How do you usually react when you're given orders?
 - a. Quickly comply
 - b. Question openly
 - c. Shout and scream "you are not the boss of me!"
 - d. Resist passively
 - e. Break the rules because you can!
 - f. Other (explain)
- 3) If you heard the weekend message, how did you respond to the assertion that we are all guilty of breaking every commandment? Did you try to justify yourself? Do you agree or disagree?
- 4) Read the scriptures listed under the final section of the outline. How do these scriptures affect your understanding of God's character?
- 5) What did God reveal to you in your process of selfexamination? Would you be willing to share what was revealed so that we can support you?
- 6) How can we pray for tonight?

