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**Message Title: Do Not Steal**

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*This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.*

<b>Key Points</b>	
<b>1.</b>	Have you ever taken anything that didn't belong to you? What were the circumstances and how did you feel? Share with your discussion partner or your small group.
<b>2.</b>	Does it feel different to think about taking something from a large, wealthy organization like Amazon or Walmart than it does from an individual? Why do you think that is?
<b>3.</b>	Why is it easier to knowingly let a cashier mistakenly not charge you for something? Do you consider that stealing? Why or why not?
<b>4.</b>	Read Malachi 3:8-10. a) In your own words, how were people 'stealing' from or 'robbing' God? b) What does God want them (us) to do in order to NOT steal from him? c) Based on Malachi 3, what do you think God wants you to do? What adjustments do you need to make to do it?

5.	Pastor Brian talked about how employees may be 'stealing' from employers by not giving them what they agreed to in terms of full attention and effort, time, etc. Have you ever done that? How did you justify it to yourself or others?
6.	The 8th Commandment is broad and is worth thinking about. Most dismiss it as simple and easy and we 'check the box'. "I'm not stealing!" we say to ourselves. But go deeper to be sure. Look beyond the obvious. Pray and ask God to show you areas of your life where you may be 'taking' what does not belong to you, but where you don't realize it. In your small group, pray for each other.

**Notes:**