NINTH & TENTH COMMANDMENTS

1. **Opening Prayer**: Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear Father,

As we finish our lessons on the Ten Commandments, remind us that these are given to us out of love. Help us to apply these to our lives, not in order to have a relationship with You, but because we already do have a relationship with You.

In Jesus' precious Name, Amen.

- 2. **Teaching**: Watch Lesson 19: The Ninth and Tenth Commandments. Video link: https://vimeo.com/207171441
- 3. Scripture Search: Read through the following section of Scripture:
 - 3.1. Exodus 20:5-6; Matthew 15:19; Luke 12:13-21.
 - 3.2. Read through the following sections of the Small Catechism:
 - 3.2.1. The Ninth & Tenth Commandment, page 115;
 - 3.2.2. The Central Thought, page 115;
 - 3.2.3. Questions 88-92, pages 116-119
 - 3.2.4. The Close of the Commandments, page 120;
 - 3.2.5. Questions 93-102, pages 120-127

4. Question Time

- 4.1. What does it mean to covet? Why do you think God would prohibit coveting? In other words, what are we saying about what God is giving us if we are coveting?
- 4.2. There is an expression that, "We are slaves to what we wish for." How does that expression relate to the Ninth and Tenth Commandments? How does your heart (what you love) relate to what you wish for?
- 4.3. How are commercials and advertising related to these Commandments?
- 4.4. When you are coveting something you don't have, how does that make you feel about what you do have?
- 4.5. Read <u>Matthew 15:19</u> again. When you are coveting, where is your attention and focus? With that in mind, can you see how this verse relates to these Commandments about coveting?
- 4.6. Vocabulary: <u>Covet</u>, <u>Content</u>
- 5. **Closing Prayer**: Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear God.

Teach us to be content. Thank You for all the blessings that You have given me and remind me of them when I begin to want more. Help me to be thankful for what You have given to me instead of always wanting more.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.