

## WEEKLY STUDY QUESTIONS

April 7, 2019

### "Open Hands vs. Clenched Fists" Ephesians 4:28

#### Ice Breaker:

- Have you ever had someone steal from you? What was it? How did it make you feel?
- What's your favorite book, movie or story about a thief? How does the story resolve? Explain.

#### Fead Ephesians 4:28

- 1. What insight, principle or observation did you find to be most fresh, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
- 2. What are some popular things people steal today? Think of both physical property and intangible objects.
- 3. In what ways does the world support or encourage the idea of stealing?
- 4. In what ways does the world support or encourage the idea of working hard in a good and honest way?
- 5. In what ways does the world support the idea of contributing to others in need?
- 6. For the new life transformed by Jesus Christ, how are the answers to Questions 4-6 similar or different based on our God-perspective motivation?
- 7. Believers are directed to use their financial resources to help those in need. Where or how are you able to do that?
- 8. How aware are you of others' needs? How could you improve your perspective and awareness of others' needs?
- 9. How would things change in your life if you worked in order to get so that you could then give to others?
- 10. What practical changes will you make to your life, work or giving plan to apply the truths of this text?

#### Pray for one another (and your group missionary).



# SERMON NOTES

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1. Instead of stealing
2. Do good and honest work
3. So you are able to give to others in need.
<b>Application</b> : A practical change I can make to my life, work or giving-plan to apply the truths of this text is: