

Sermon on the Mount: Adultery

Read: Matthew 5:27-30

Summary:

As we continue looking at the Sermon on the Mount we again see Jesus' authority and His deepening of the Law. As with the commandment 'do not murder', we note when it comes to the command 'do not commit adultery' that Jesus looks at our heart not just our actions.

Our imagination is a powerful God given tool but it can also lead us into sin. We must be very careful what we allow our eyes to dwell on. What we focus on gets into our 'heart' and then affects how we think and how we behave.

We are not literally to cut off parts of our body but we are to radically deal with temptation and not allow ourselves to give in to sin.

As a society and individuals we can take sin too lightly.... Jesus in His teaching is much more serious.

We are polluted by sin, it is in us.

Our sin and behaviour does not just effect us in this life but for eternity

We must hate sin and do all that we can to destroy it

Instead of just focusing on not sinning we should pursue purity

We must be radical with our sin – this is the reason that Jesus had to die on the cross.

1 Corinthians 6:20 *You are not your own. You were brought at a price. Therefore honour God with your body*

Application:

Please select from the following. Encourage all to take part and to be honest; in what ways are people to change as a result of the word? Make sure there is time to pray for one another.

1. Was anything said that needs clarifying?
2. What did God say to you and what are you going to do as a result?
3. What is the difference between sin and temptation?
4. How do you manage to pursue high standards for your self without applying your 'rules' to others?
5. What is the most radical way you have fled from sin?
6. What stops you pursuing God 100%?

Why not split into guys and girls and pray for one another in this whole area.