

LG | Leader

[Exodus 20:14]

WARM-UP (10 mins)

It is likely that everyone present had a very busy day, maybe even a trying day. Let's take a moment to still our minds and go the Lord in prayer.

- Without looking, what are the first 6 commandments?
- What did you learn about the commandment "you shall not commit adultery"?

ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. What do you think the scope of adultery is for the Christian Life?

In its most narrow meaning, adultery is when someone has sexual intercourse with another person's spouse. More broadly, adultery begins in the heart with lust and can develop into other forms of sexual immorality (homosexuality, prostitution, polygamy, pedophilia, incest, ect.).

2. What was God communicating to Israel with this commandment?

Israel was to be a covenant people with covenant relationships. Breaking a covenant with your wife was to break covenant with God. One who would be faithless towards his spouse would also be faithless towards God. Adultery was and still is covenant treason.

3. How might you state this commandment in the positive? How would you re-phrase this for your kids?

You shall remain faithful in marriage/relationships (Be a promise keeper)

4. What is the difference between sexual desire and lust?

Sexual desire is a God-given appropriate desire in order that we would fulfill the creation mandate given to us in Genesis; Be fruitful and Multiply. Lust is specifically the desire to engage in sexual acts that are contrary to God's law. Sexual desire remains in submission while lust is a desire that cannot be controlled.

5. Read Ephesians 5:28-31. How does adultery violate what God has established for marriage?

Marriage is a spiritual union in which each person cherishes each other. Any sexual deviation from this sacred union is a sinful act.

6. Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20. How does adultery violate what God has established for our bodies?

Our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, bought with the blood of Christ. The sexually immoral person sins against his own body, defiling the temple of the Holy Spirit.

7. Is adultery and all other implied sins unforgiveable?

Adultery and all the implied sins of the 7th commandment are terrible in the eyes of God.

However, these sins ARE forgivable. Read below:

1 Cor 6:11 – [Paul says] And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

Eph. 5:26-27 – Christ loved his church and gave himself for her, “that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or blemish or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.

PRAY

Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.