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Classical Conversations

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Harborview has three licensed Classical Conversations Communities on campus (Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday). If you homeschool, or are thinking about homeschooling your family and are interested in the classical method of learning.



To learn more, contact Erin Hardwick, erin@hfcgh.org

Learn more, or register here:

<mailto:erin@hfcgh.org>

MeySen

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Give a pair of Japanese students the experience of American Life for 3 Days in August.

The MeySen Academy of Japan will be returning this summer with a group of their students to experience life in America. Host families are needed to house children in pairs for just a few nights. August 2nd through the 5th. Host families can take the student on hikes, zoos, or out to a baseball game. Go to our website to contact Clarissa Solomon to learn more how you can be a host family for this annual tradition.



Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/450/responses>

Prayer

All Church Prayer

All church prayer. July 11th 6:30-8:30pm.



Freedom Prayer

We provide a prayer opportunity for anyone who feels the need for increased freedom and personal breakthrough in their lives. You will be walked through a process of Freedom Prayer by 2 or 3 of our trained Ministry Team Members.

Come with an expectant and receptive heart for the Lord to powerfully minister to you!

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.org/prayer>



Intercessory Prayer

Join us for Intercessory prayer, Tuesday nights at 6:30pm, or Thursday mornings at 6:30am.

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.org/prayer>



Re-Gen

Regen, 2nd and 4th Sundays

Re-gen, for 18 to 30s, meets here at Harborview on the second and fourth Sunday's beginning at 5:30pm.

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.org/re-gen-young-adults-ministry>



Small Groups

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Small Groups exist to help each one of us grow up into the life of God within us.

They are a primary mechanism for shepherding through relationship + discipleship.

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/368/responses>



Sycamore Commission

Africa Missions Teams

Harborview is sending three missions teams to Africa this summer: Zambia, Malawi, and Zimbabwe on behalf of the Sycamore Commission. This will be to complete the training of leaders in the region to teach the Living Set free principles to the people there. The teams will also be training an additional 450 people who will go on to share the transformative Gospel to their communities. Please prayerfully consider making a donation to these missions by visiting the Sycamore Commission website.

Learn more, or register here:

<https://sycamorecommission.org/events/africa-team>



The Edge

Summer's Edge

Summer Edge Events. Every other Week beginning July 2nd.



Giving

Thank you for being a part of Harborview Fellowship Church. Your donations are used to support, grow, and advance God's kingdom through a number of ministries at Harborview Fellowship including Children and Youth ministries, Outreach, Missions, Operations, and Jesus Ministry training both locally and globally.

You can mail a check, or give online to the link below.

Harborview Fellowship
4819 Hunt Street NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.org/give>



Women's Self Defense

For women post-high school and above. Learn practical skills of self-defense for peace of mind and awareness. Save the Date

When: Saturday, August 2nd

Time: 9am-1:30

Learn more, or register here:

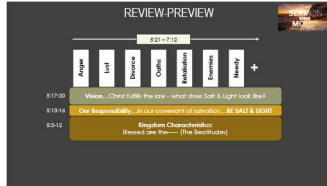
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REVIEW AND OVERVIEW

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INTRODUCTION

Contemporary America

- Nobody could argue that America is oversexualized as a nation.
- Over 40 million Americans regularly view pornography.
- Human trafficking is a global epidemic, with over 45 million people enslaved around the world, the U.S is one of the top three perpetrating nations.
- Pre-marital sex is the rule, not the exception, in America. [Studies show](#) that “by age 20, 75% of Americans have had premarital sex.
- [Explicit sexual content is ubiquitous](#) in movies, music, advertisement, online content, education, and more.
- Transgender ideology, which asserts that gender identity is a matter of one’s subjective perceptions and feelings, as opposed to one’s biological sex, has infiltrated virtually every arena of life (education, politics, business, sports, medicine, etc.).

Roman Culture

- Roman men, married or not, were conditioned and expected to have pre-marital and extra-marital sex with slaves and prostitutes. Only the wife was restrained to monogamy.
- Prostitution was not only legal but considered a public good.
- Roman men were legally allowed to have forced intercourse with their wives and certain women of a lower social status (e.g. slaves and foreigners).
- Pederasty—a sexual relationship between a man and a young boy—was an accepted practice, as long as the boy was younger and of a lower class.
- Same sex relationships, though relegated to age and status parameters, were prolific in the Roman Empire. The Roman Empire was rife with sexual perversion.
- With that being said, the Early Church established a viable sexual counterculture; one where women and men were expected to be sexually chaste prior to marriage and sexually faithful within marriage.

- This was a radical position in the world in which the Early Church was birthed.
- The ancient world would discover that the Christian sex ethic was better for men, women, children, and the state.
- The biblical sex ethic elevated women, dignified marriage, and redeemed male sexuality.

JESUS' STANDARD

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- We live in a world that mocks purity and glorifies sin.
- Adultery is normalized, lust is entertainment, and the sanctity of marriage is old-school.
- Jesus the standard for sexual conduct.
- He exposes the hypocrisy of outward morality and calls us to **heart-level holiness**.

You Have Heard

Matthew 5:27 (ESV) *“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’*

- Last week, Larry addressed Jesus calibration of the **6th commandment** regarding *murder*.
 - If you carry ungodly anger toward a person, it is the same as murder.
 - Likewise, judgment comes to those who call a person a “fool” which is a word curse of contempt and character assassination.
- Now Jesus addresses the **7th commandment** regarding adultery.
- The Pharisees prided themselves on external obedience.
 - Most could have said that they had not physically murdered anyone.
 - Yet, they would have ignored internal malice, hatred, and anger toward individuals, and consequently considered themselves righteous.
- Likewise, many, especially the Pharisees, could have said that they had not slept with another man’s wife.
 - Yet they would have ignored the internal look and lust toward a woman.
 - Jesus takes this to a new level as well.

But I Say

Matthew 5:28 (ESV) *But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

- Like murder, lust would have been irrelevant regarding adultery, for it too was a matter of the heart.
 - The law courts of Moses had no jurisdiction regarding the heart.
- If the deed itself was avoided, righteousness was maintained.
 - Jesus, concerning murder, countered in vv. 21-26 that the prohibition of murder includes the angry thought and the contemptable word.
- Jesus ups the standard regarding the prohibition of adultery by including the lustful look and the covetous heart.
- The word used for “lust” here is *epithumeo*.
 - The word “lust” in English connotes sensual and sexual desires.
 - Adultery, either in act or attitude is theft: it is taking to yourself, either physically or emotionally, a person who does not belong to you.
- *Epithumeo* is used in the Septuagint (Gk translation of Hebrew Bible) of Ex. 20:17 and Dt. 5:21 to translate the 10th commandment: “*You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.*”
 - Lust technically was covetousness, the desire to have that which did not belong to you.

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Eye and Hand Examples

- The eye and hand are used instruments in lust and coveting or stealing.

Sin's Severity

- Everyone agrees that Jesus' illustration is to demonstrate the severity of sin before God and in Kingdom righteousness.
 - It is believed that Jesus used hyperbole to make this point.
- The main point of the illustration is that we must deal drastically and radically with sin.
 - “We must not pamper it, flirt with it, enjoy nibbling a little of it around the edges. We are to hate it, crush it, dig it out” (D.A. Carson).

- We must never toy with sin or press its boundaries to discover how much we can get away with before we transgress.
- Whatever the source is, the vehicle, by which lust gains access in your life, we must deal with it radically!

APPLICATION

First

- Sex within marriage is God-given and God-honored.
 - In Genesis 2:24 we read, *“A man shall leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two become one flesh.”*
 - In Hebrews 13:4 we read, *“Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure.”*
 - God’s design for sexual activity is within the confines of marriage, which God defines as a lifelong, one-man, one-woman, monogamous relationship.
 - Our culture may present sex as merely a physical appetite to be bartered, purchased, or sold.
 - Instead, Timothy Keller says, Sex is a collaborative covenant renewal ceremony in which two covenant partners confirm, celebrate, and deepen their union.”
 - Jono Darville, quotes Daniel Heimbach, ‘Sex is to wrap physical pleasure, emotional satisfaction, psychological fulfillment, and spiritual meaning into one complex relationship.’ All designed by God.

The Challenge

- We live in an overly sexualized world where there is a concerted sexualized assault on our senses – all to delegitimize God’s design for sex and sexual activity.
 - It comes through the mass media: magazines movies, billboards, TV, commercials, electronic devices with social media, sexualized sites, etc.
 - Seductive fashion is everywhere, including within the church.
 - Sex outside of marriage will always cause a measure of bodily, psychological, and relational harm—because it goes against God’s design.

The Connection

- Jesus is connecting between the imagination of the heart and the sin.
- Deeds of sin are preceded by fantasies of sin.
- Very little sin makes its way into actuality without having first passed through the eyes and imagination of the person who commits the sin.
- It’s the gateway to sin.

The Commitment

Honest Assessment

- How do you regard sexuality and sex; within God's design?
- Are there hidden lusts that you entertain?
- Do you feed your mind with impurity in what you look at and what you listen to?
 - A phone or other device that is an instrument of corruption and lust?
 - A relationship that tempts you to compromise emotionally and mentally?
 - A habit that enslaves you?

The Source

- False comforts
- Love and truth deficits and vacuum (family of origin, important people in life).
- Wounds from past relationships?
- Soul ties?
- Unforgiveness?

Radical Amputation

- Who do you need to forgive?
- What action must be taken regarding what you're exposed to?
- What action must be taken regarding how you communicate with the opposite sex?
- What action must be taken regarding a dangerously vulnerable relationship?

SPIRITUAL TRANSACTION

1. **Repent** – Bring your lust, sin, shame, and guilt to Jesus and repent. Take practical steps to avoid temptation (Matt. 26:41).
2. **Rebuke** – Demonic spirits that tempt and empower toward lust and sin.
3. **Replace** – the lust and sin, the source elements with righteousness and truth in your life. Cut off access (Rom. 13:14).

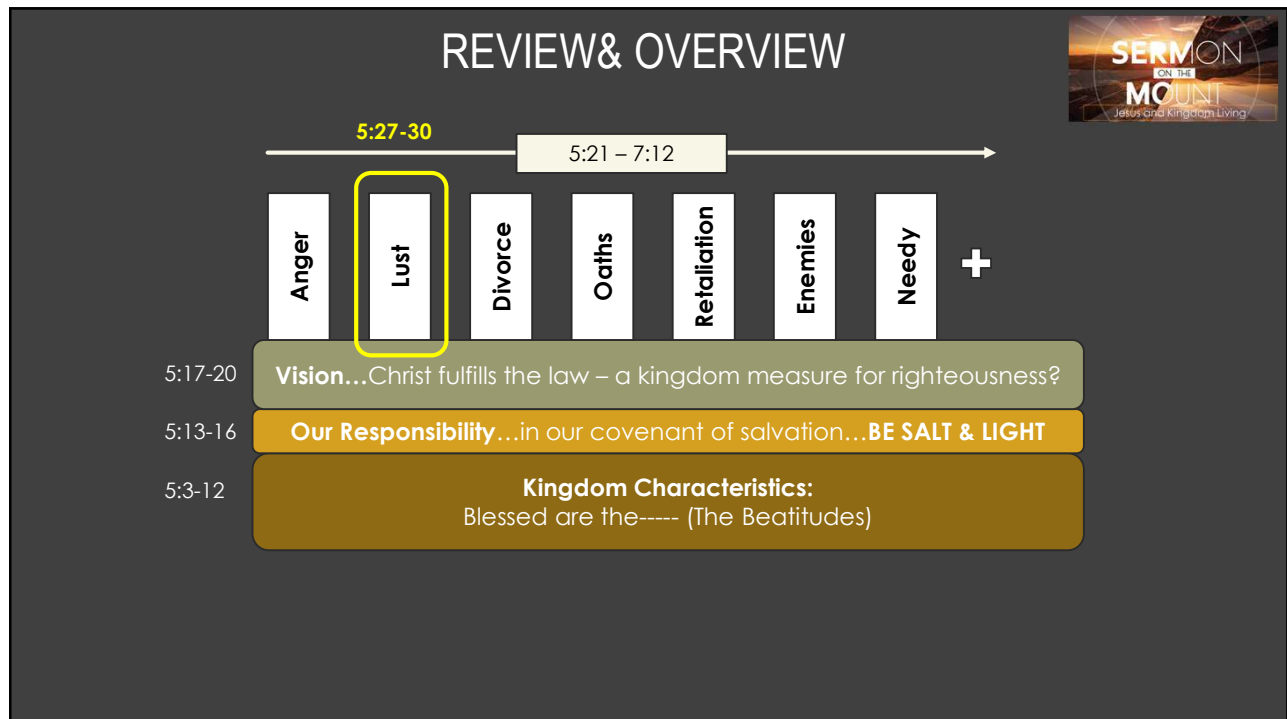
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