

Discussion Questions 4/23/23

Commandment #7 - Do Not Commit Adultery

Family Check-up:

What is God teaching you in your quiet time?

Who have you had the privilege of reaching out to this week?

Intro: Can God save my marriage? Maybe that's a question you've found yourself asking. The reality is that marriage is incredibly difficult and takes a tremendous amount of work. It is likely that at some point in a marriage you would ask this question. The Bible emphatically answers that God is for marriage and has more than enough grace to save any and every marriage.

Read: Exodus 20:14

- 1. When God gave these commands he was organizing his people into a community of people who would stand apart from the rest of the world and would thrive. Why then do you think God created marriage? What might be the bigger picture he has in mind?
- 2. The Bible warns us to flee from sexual immorality. With so many opportunities to sin in this way in our culture, what are practical ways that we can distance ourselves, or flee, from sexual immorality?
- 3. The Biblical authors could never have wrapped their mind around our individualistic culture. They lived in community and everything they did was in community. In that way, adultery impacted the whole community. Have you considered how unfaithfulness, even that of pornography, impacts your community?
- 4. Read Matthew 5:27-32. Jesus says some difficult things about adultery and sexual sin. As you look at these passages and see how seriously Jesus takes these things, how can your group help you to live the way Jesus calls you to live?
- 5. Jesus uses marriage to ultimately point to the bride of Christ. This means that marriage is an image to show us a covenant relationship that we are entering into with Jesus that goes far beyond even what we could imagine. How does being part of Jesus' bride call you to live your life now? What should you change to be a faithful bride?

Pray: This is a remarkably difficult passage. Take some time to grieve as a group for the areas where God's heart has been grieved. Pray for grace and for redemption. Pray for the marriages of your group. For everyone, but especially the singles that may be in your group, pray for their relationship with Jesus as his bride.