

How should we then live?



**#thePLEDGE is a series on the Ten Commandments to guide us through this season:**

▪ **Read Exodus 20:1-17**

▪ **Today:**

*Exodus 20:14 "You shall not commit adultery."*

1. This command states anything that threatens the [family](#) unit is prohibited.
2. This command meets a strong current of [evil](#) in the human heart.
3. Higher civilization is [threatened](#) by our sexual ethics and the re-definition of family.

## Application In Community



**Note:** As we discuss ideas in community, may we be reminded the purpose of application of GOD's Word in community is for the purpose to challenge our presuppositions and allow the Holy Spirit and GOD's Word to shape our minds and our lives in Christ Jesus our Lord. This week's passage challenges us to guard, vigorously, the family unit as GOD designed. This one simple verse (Exodus 20:14) has application that sets the course direction for multiple aspects of our lives. And the degree to which we, as individuals and as a culture, follow all the implications of this command is the degree to which our society will rise or fall. And so, may we seek that the GOSPEL will change hearts and minds that this transformation might take place for such a time as this:

- **WHAT IS the GOSPEL?** Please allow three people to communicate the gospel in their own words.
- **Can the GOSPEL be understood without knowledge of sin?** Yes? No? Please explain your answer and dialogue about why people might disagree.
- We learned in the sermon that "adultery" points us to a broader sexual ethic, scripturally speaking (see footnotes<sup>1</sup>), of no sex outside of man-woman monogamous marriage: **How does our culture's ignoring this ethic affect all of society, negatively?**
- **If the GOSPEL is the solution, how does communicating GOD's sexual ethic make a difference in our "gospelizing"<sup>2</sup>?**

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<sup>1</sup> **No adultery (Ex. 20:14) means** → (1) no sex with someone else's spouse (Lev. 18:20); (2) no sex with someone else while married (Ez. 16:32); (3) no sex with someone else's fiancé (Deut. 22:23-27); (4) no sex between two unmarried people (Deut. 22:28-29; see also Hebrews 13:4); (5) no sex with a prostitute or anyone outside monogamous marriage (1 Cor. 6:16-20; 7:2); (6) no lust, which is adultery (Matt. 5:27-30); and (7) no marrying a previously married person (Matt. 5:31-32).

<sup>2</sup> **"gospelizing"** is a term that refers to the act of sharing the GOSPEL (Acts 2:22-41 is a good example, see v. 36-37 in relation to this question).