

Home Group Discussion Questions

TBC SERMON SERIES: Learning From Jesus
Message #5: Lust Destroys, Jesus Redeems
Matthew 5:27-32
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MY STORY:

- 1) In your family of origin, did divorce or marital unfaithfulness have an impact? Explain?
- 2) How does the culture currently view marital fidelity?

QUICK REVIEW:

This week we continue with our series Learning From Jesus, a look at the Sermon on the Mount. This is probably the most famous teaching section by Jesus found in Scripture, providing his disciples a contrasting framework for viewing their lives with each other and God than was popularly held. Was there anything from this week's sermon that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? How would you summarize the main ideas of this week's message?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Read Matthew 5:27-28.

- 1) Jesus had already told them he was here to “fulfill the law” and that their “righteousness must exceed that” of the Pharisees (Matt. 5:17-20). How does what he says here fit with that?
- 2) What does actual adultery and lusting after someone have in common? Why is that a problem?
- 3) How does our culture view lust? Does the culture ever seem to be double minded? Are Jesus’s words here applicable to women also? Why or why not?
- 4) How would Jesus respond to the idea, “You can look but don’t touch”?

Read Matthew 5:29-30.

- 5) What is Jesus' point in these verses?

Read Matthew 5:31-32.

- 6) For more background on this, read Mark 10:1-12. Why did Moses allow divorce according to Jesus?
- 7) Their culture and our modern culture seem to view marriage and divorce in similar ways. What grounds for divorce are acceptable in our culture? What are commonly accepted biblical ground for divorce?
- 8) Does the existence of biblical grounds for divorce mean it is necessary or required in those situations? How should the Church counsel those considering divorce?

TAKING IT HOME:

- 1) Are there hedges or actions you need to take this week to help protect yourself from temptations to lust?
- 2) What is one thing you can do this week to help strengthen your marriage or bless your spouse?

Prayer Requests:

