

NO ADULTERY

The Tender Commandments

EXODUS 20:14

Ice Breaker: Have you ever tried to bend a rule? What were the consequences?

BACKGROUND: The Ten Commandments are loving direction from a Father's heart.

THE BIG PICTURE: Every one of His laws are like a board in a fence to protect us. Here, God gives us a fence of protection around our marriage.

DIGGING DEEPER: READ EXODUS 20:14

Intro: What is marriage? What does God say about marriage? What does marriage illustrate? (See Ephesians 5:31-32)

READ GENESIS 2:24: Underline the words that show (1) Covenant and (2) Consummation

COVENANT: READ MATTHEW 19:4-6 — The big debate in our day is: Is marriage a civil contract or is it a Biblical covenant? What is the difference between a contract and a covenant? Who designed marriage? Why is it essential that God is part of the marriage covenant? Why should our view of marriage be entirely guided by Scripture?

CONSUMMATION: Sex was designed as a wonderful gift to be enjoyed in a covenantal relationship. How does our culture celebrate immorality? adultery?

WHY "NO ADULTERY" IS IN GOD'S TOP TEN

1. It is Fatal Relationally

What does adultery destroy?

What are the consequences of adultery? (See 1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

2. Adultery is a Heart Issue MATTHEW 5:27-28

What did Jesus say about adultery? Where does adultery begin? Why is lust such a dangerous sin? How can you protect yourself from lust/adultery?

3. Adultery is Ultimately Forgivable JOHN 8:3-11 & 1 JOHN 1:9

There is hope for the condemned heart. He doesn't ignore/condone sin, He forgives it! How does Jesus show He forgives adultery?¹ What does it mean to you to be forgiven?

4. Adultery is Preventable MATTHEW 5:29-30

Why must we deal radically with sin and temptation?

CONCLUSION:

- How did this week's passage make a difference in your life? What do you hear God saying to you right now?
- How do you see God's love and grace in this commandment?

¹ (1) You're not alone (2) Pardons (3) No condemnation (4) You are responsible: Go and sin no more