

The 10 Commandments: How Life Works

VII: Do not commit Adultery (Exodus 20:14)

Ice Breaker Question:

What factors do you think contribute to widespread adultery in our times? (While extremely hard to get good statistics, most studies fall in the range of reporting that between 20-35% of men and 15-25% of women have been unfaithful in marriage.)

Going Deeper from Sunday

Sermon Synopsis

The seventh commandment tells us not to commit adultery. Adultery is a specifically sexual sin. The purpose of sex is to take two people and bind them together as one in the covenant of marriage. It is the “enactment” of marriage and sign and seal of the marriage covenant. Because of this, adultery breaks the marriage covenant. We see this practically in the devastation it causes to families. We need to be pro-active in protecting our marriage against adultery.

Share any reflections/questions that may have arisen from the sermon on Sunday.

Going Deeper

What does adultery have in common with previous commandments?

Read 2 Samuel 11

David is now secure in his reign as king and lives in a luxurious palace in Jerusalem. What are the escalation points in this tragic drama, at which David makes each new decision?

What do we learn about the process and effect of adultery from the unfolding drama of David’s adultery, attempted cover-up and murder?

Why do adultery and deceit naturally accompany each other?

In what kinds of circumstances are you tempted to fail to be honest with yourself and God?

Contrast Uriah's character and behavior with that of David (vv.9-13)

What do David's actions in verses 22-27 reveal about what had happened to David's conscience?

We know that David was generally righteous and even "a man after God's own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14). How do you account for his behavior?

Which of the Ten Commandments has David violated in the course of this chapter?

What are some practical ways we can keep ourselves from adultery and other sexual sins?

(Note, some questions are taken from Rob Suggs IV guide: The 10 Commandments)