

Matthew 5:27-30 (9/22/2024)

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

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1. Identify God's purposes for marriage from Genesis 1:27-28; Malachi 2:14-15; and Ephesians 5:31-32?

2. **NOTE:** The Old Testament highlights the seriousness of adultery in its description of how Israel treated its relationship with God (i.e. "Adulterous wife, who received strangers instead of her husband." Ezekiel 16:31).

Consider God's purposes for marriage and explain why adultery is such a serious offense (Exodus 20:14,17).

3. List the destructive impact of adultery?

4. Why do you think Jesus uses the eye and the hand as examples of what causes one to sin? Also, what is the point for the radical action of tearing out and cutting off?

5. Name some of the enticements to sexual sin in our culture. How can you protect yourself from sexual influence?

6. What is the main principle of this passage that can be applied to other "lusts" in your life?