**Midweek Gathering**

Section: The Law

Lesson #42 - Q51: November 1, 2023

**DISCUSSION GUIDE**

**Q51. Why does God give the seventh commandment: You shall not commit adultery?**

So we will love others from a faithful and pure heart.

**1. Read:** **Ephesians 5:31-32**

***If marriage is first and foremost to put the covenant relationship of Christ and his church on display, then what does adultery do to this testimony?***

**2. Exodus 20:14 says,** “You shall not commit adultery.”

This is a command or prohibition. This is an imperative command: Do not do this!

There is no optional language in this verse. There are no plausible situations where this is negated.

**What are ways that, in our flesh, we can consider compromises to this clear prohibition?**

3. **Read *Matthew 5:27-30***

The Westminster Shorter Catechism help explains that the 7th commandment forbids“all unchaste thoughts, words, and actions” (Q. 72). **While the horizontal consequences of cheating on your spouse physically with anther person are very different then lustfully looking at another person, why is it all to easy for us to downplay the lustful thought as apposed to engaging sexual intimacy with someone who is not your spouse when God clearly says both are a betrayal of this commandment?**

**If it is our flesh that downplays this, how can our growing in Christ and in accountability with others help us take more seriously the command of God so that we honor Him in obeying all layers of it?**

**What action steps do you need to take to do this?**

4. Read **1 Corinthians 6:18**

Scripture warns us all (men and woman) that no sin does greater damage to ones physical life then sexual sin, so **why do we pay lots of money for security and go to great lengths to flee at the threat of many other forms of physical threat but often do very little to flee from and protect ourselves and our loved ones from sexual temptation?**

**What can we do personally and for our family to take this threat far more seriously than we do?**

**5. Why is satisfaction in Christ our greatest combatant to the heart issues of Discontentment and Pride?**

6. Read **Judges 2:17, Romans 5:8 and Ephesians 5:25-26**

**Do you see the spiritual adultery of our sin and that we “were” active adulterers prior to Christ saving us?**

He pursued saving us when we wanted nothing to do with him.

**How does this fuel our ability to forgive others who sinned in this area?**

**With this in mind why is adultery not a marriage covenant breaker?**

7 . **As we grow in Christ and honor him with our thoughts, our desires and our actions, how does this produce love for others from a faithful and pure heart?**

**Why is it important that this is our testimony?**

**\*Pray together to close at 8pm - Look to fellowship with your folks after you dismiss.**