



GOD'S TOP TEN

You Shall Not Commit Adultery - Exodus 20:14

MAIN THING

God expects sexual purity from His followers

SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:14, Genesis 25:29-34, 2 Samuel 11:1-4

ICEBREAKER

Our culture has become an overtly sexualized one. It's in commercials. It's on bookshelves, and it's become THE prevailing theme in Hollywood. In your lifetime, how has this gotten worse?

OPENING THOUGHT

We live in a strange time. Sex is the topic that seems to demand the most attention today. Sports Illustrated has their Swimsuit Issue that, many times, seems to be missing swimsuits. ESPN the magazine has their "Body Issue" where athletes pose nude for the camera. Hugh Hefner, the creator of mainstream perversion through his Playboy dynasty, has been immortalized by many as a great man. Living together, and sharing a bed, before marriage is now the norm, and it's even expected. How did we get to this point? The Bible is very quick to speak on this topic, and that's the discussion for this session.....what did God mean when He said, "You Shall Not Commit Adultery."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. Read Genesis 25:29-34. In the story of Jacob and Esau, we see how quickly humans will trade their future, their reputation, their inheritance for something far less valuable. What boundaries have you, if any, put in place to keep you from making Esau's mistake?
3. In the story of David and Bathsheba in 2 Samuel 11:1-4, what was David's first mistake? (hint: 2 Samuel 11:1)
4. An old pastor once said, "Satan does everything he can to GET unmarried people to have sex and to STOP married people from having sex." If you are married, what can you do to strengthen your marriage so that adultery never enters the picture? If you are single, what can you do to protect yourself from sexual temptation?

LIFE APPLICATION

5. Now more than ever, Christians have to actively combat the pervasive sexual temptations all around us. Parents must be ever vigilant about internet, advertising, etc flooding their children's minds with sexual content, tempting them to act upon it. How is the Christian supposed to live in a way that honors God in such a sex-saturated culture?

CHALLENGE

Inventory time. What are you watching on the TV or in Movies? What are you reading? What are you viewing on the internet? What are the jokes that you laugh at the most? Take a good look at what you are allowing into your life on a daily basis. Are there things that lead your mind to wander down a road it doesn't need to go down? Currently, we are in a time of lent; a time where Christians remove things from their lives in preparation for the Easter season. What do you need to remove from your life that is causing you to stumble? Begin to purge those things from your daily routine, and replace them with prayer, study, or time with your family. Replace the unimportant and perverse with the important and holy.