

The Grace of God for Lustful Hearts

Matthew 5:27-30
Small Group Questions
WEEK OF MAY 18-24, 2025

NOTE TO LEADERS: Depending on the dynamics of your group and the discussion subject, it may be prudent to have men and women meet separately tonight.

- (1) Read Matthew 5:27-30. How does 5:20 connect with verses 27-30?
- (2) Why is it natural to think that the avoidance of physical adultery is the same thing as keeping God's commands to flee from sexual sin?
 - (a) How does Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:27-30 expose the natural way of thinking as error?
 - (b) What are the various factors and forces at play in the world, the flesh, and the devil that have successfully subverted Christians and the Church at this very point?
- (3) Read Proverbs 7.
 - (a) What is the warning regarding adultery?
 - (b) It's never enough to just know what to avoid... we also have to know what to pursue. What do verses 1-5 hold out as the safeguard against sexual sin (whether in heart or body)?
 - (c) How would Colossians 2:1-3 (especially v 3) help us in our pursuit of the wisdom that safeguards us against sin?
- (4) What does Jesus mean when He says to put out your eye or cut off your hand if they cause you to sin? How does Mark 7:21-23 shed light on the meaning?
 - (a) What do we need instead of cut off hands and gouged out eyes (Deut 30:6; Ezek 36:26-27)?
 - (b) What does it look like to take radical measures in addressing sin (this will obviously be sin-specific... i.e., the way to radically cut off lust is different from gossip, etc.)?
- (5) In the sermon, what were some specific Bible Texts and truths that explored how our hearts can be free from slavery to sin? (This would have been under point III: "A Heart Made Free Indeed.")
 - (a) What did you find most helpful, fresh, or compelling?
 - (b) What was not mentioned that would be helpful to the discussion of freedom from sin?
- (6) Pray for each other. It might be helpful tonight to have men and women break into groups.