

# The Ten Commandments of Parenting

## *Adultery and Larceny (Exodus 20:14-15)*

### *Small Group Questions*

#### **Introduction:**

There are well over 100 different passages of Scripture that deal with sexuality, ranging from prohibiting sex outside of marriage to exalting the beauty of sex inside of marriage. Why did God deal with this topic so much?

Why does the church deal with it so little?

#### **Adultery:**

Read Exodus 20:14, Genesis 39:7-10, 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Why does Joseph call this a great wickedness and sin against God? Why is adultery cosmic treason?

Paul speaks about the significance of sexual immorality when he says that it is a “sin against our own body”. Why is sexual immorality such a dangerous and deadly sin? If possible, give some examples from your own life (or the lives of people you know) where you have seen it’s deadly effects.

Matt said this morning that God has basically given us only one commandment in regard to sexuality in the whole Bible: Enjoy it in marriage. Assuming that we define marriage the way the Bible defines marriage, is this a complete enough definition? Is there something that needs to be added? How will this transform the way we teach our children/grandchildren about sex/sexuality?

Read Ephesians 5:31-32

“The two shall become one flesh” deals predominantly (although not exclusively) with the sexual relationship between a husband and wife. Paul then says that *this mystery* (the sexual union)

refers to Christ and the church. How in the world does the sexual union between a husband and wife point to the union between Christ and the church?

As you think about that, what does adultery say about our theology of Christ and the church?

Jesus widened the 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment to include every kind of sexual sin imaginable. Sexual sin is so prevalent in society today and statistics show that it has infiltrated the church. How can we create an atmosphere where those who have fallen can feel free to repent and come clean about their sin?

What would you say to someone who came to you admitting that they fell into sexual sin and needed to confess it to their spouse?

#### **Larceny:**

Read Exodus 20:15

Come up with a list of ways that we steal and yet think it is acceptable.

What does genuine repentance look like in those examples?

#### **Application:**

Where are some of your greatest temptations in regards to sexual sin (pornography, second-glances, fantasizing, an affair, etc.)?

Explain the principle of radical amputation (Matthew 5:27-30).

What does radical amputation look like in your situation with your specific temptations?

Take some time and pray for one another.