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Summer on the Mount | Adultery and Divorce

**Last Week**

How did you apply last week’s lesson on Anger, Revenge, and Enemies? Who did you share the lesson with?

**Opener**

Before you were married, how would you have described marriage? Now that you’re married, would your definition of marriage change?

**Questions**

What reasons can you think of on why the Bible teaches that marriage is such a sacred relationship that should be protected?

Since Lust starts in the heart and mind, what can we do to help ourselves deal with Lust and prevent it from growing into something worse?

Why do you think relationships are important to the Christian life? Are there certain relationships in your life that need addressing (that you can share)? Why does Jesus’s emphasis of relationships seem counterculture to society’s view on relationships and marriage?

Were you surprised about the culture change Jesus was introducing in his teaching about Divorce and what does it teach us?

**Scripture Discovery:**

Have yourself, another group member, or all group members read the following Scripture out loud  
Matthew 5:27-32 (NLT)

*“You have heard the commandment that says, ‘You must not commit adultery.’ But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. So if your eye—even your good eye—causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your hand—even your stronger hand—causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. “You have heard the law that says, ‘A man can divorce his wife by merely giving her a written notice of divorce.’ But I say that a man who divorces his wife, unless she has been unfaithful, causes her to commit adultery. And anyone who marries a divorced woman also commits adultery.*

What does this passage tell us about God?

* What does this passage tell us about people?
* How do you need to apply this passage to your life?
* And who are you going to tell?

Pray