

Adultery and Divorce

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1. Why do you think that adultery and divorce were given attention by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount?
2. What is your definition of lust?
3. Was your definition of lust affected by what you heard today?
4. Have you experienced some of the effects of divorce? What are they?
5. What do you think makes people most vulnerable to adultery?
6. What can you do to protect yourself from adultery?
7. Consider discussing the paragraphs below.

Further thoughts from John:

1. Just because someone in a marriage commits adultery does not mean the relationship has to end in divorce. In my counseling practice I have had the privilege of participating in a healing process with those affected by adultery. I often use with them the metaphor of a heart attack. Some heart attacks are fatal. Others are very painful but are survived and the people can learn a new “diet and exercise” program that actually allows them to live and thrive a long time. God is able to heal those who are willing. Reconciliation is an important part of the nature and mission of Jesus. A reconciled relationship is a beautiful sign in the earth of the grace of God and hope.
2. Early in this “sheltered in place” context Glenda and I decided to look more closely at the Enneagram personality type tool (www.wepss.com) and to discuss with each other what we are learning about ourselves and each other. The tool is a useful way of helping us see each other through different eyes that leads to understanding. That tool and other tools, even games like the “UnGame” can be useful for nurturing our relationships during this time. We may not have another time like this in our lifetimes.