

Discussion Questions - 11/7/21

Desire & Divorce: Affairs of the Heart (Matthew 5:27-32)

Here are three basic questions you can always ask in any bible study:

- What does this text teach us about God?
- What does this text teach us about ourselves?
- If this text is true, what should we do to obey this teaching? This answer ought to be specific, in that it can be clearly measured.

Here are some specific questions about this text:

- Why is Jesus so concerned about what happens in our hearts in relation to others? Look up Matt. 5:8 and Matt. 12:33-27 for help to develop your answer. What are the consequences for our discipleship given the fact that Jesus deals with the issue of adultery and sexual immorality on the heart level? If someone who doesn't follow Jesus were to ask you why you would want to follow Jesus' teaching on sexuality, how would you answer them?
- If you knew of someone who was struggling with lust in their heart, how would you counsel them? What triggers lust in the heart? What are ways God helps us overcome our lust? Where do you need God's grace and forgiveness in your life right now? What steps is the Spirit calling you to take in this regard? How can the group help you in your discipleship?
- How does Jesus' strong statement about the indissoluble and joyful union of marriage prompt you to pray based on your current station in life as a married or single person? What would answers to prayer look like here?