

# DISCUSSION GUIDE

**ICEBREAKER:** What has been your biggest obstacle to spiritual growth?

**OVERVIEW:** Last week we learned that adultery means “voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a partner other than their legitimate, lawful spouse (Phil Johnson).” But we also learned that in order to fully keep the seventh commandment, it is not enough to simply avoid sexual intercourse outside of marriage. Jesus taught that adultery includes every form of sexual activity outside of marriage. In this discussion we will go deeper with why we must do whatever it takes to avoid the sin of adultery.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday’s message?)
2. In review of last week, what are the ways that the seventh commandment can be broken?
3. Every commandment is both positive and negative. The seventh commandment says, “Do not commit adultery.” What is the positive application of this commandment?
4. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3-7. What is commanded in this verse? What is forbidden in this verse?
5. The sermon gave sixteen reasons that adultery is wrong? What were some of the reasons mentioned? Which is the most important to you?
6. Read Matthew 19:9. One reason that adultery is wrong is that it defeats marriage. What is the only Biblical exception for divorce and remarriage? What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sexual sin?
7. Read Hebrews 13:4. What does this passage teach about marriage and adultery?
8. Another reason that adultery and sexual sin are wrong is that they decimate God’s gift of sex. The Bible teaches that sex is good; God created it for procreation, intimacy, and enjoyment. How does sexual sin hurt the gift of sex?
9. Read Psalm 24:3-4. How does sexual sin distance you from God?
10. Read 1 Corinthians 6:13, 18. What do these verses teach about why we should stay away from sexual sin? How does sexual sin damage us?
11. Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. What is the punishment for sexual sin? Is there any way to be saved from the punishment for sin? Explain.

**The Last Word:** “The most important day of your marriage is not the wedding day, but the last day. Will it come prematurely; will you sever your own vine; will it come painfully; or will it come pleasantly?” —Mark Driscoll