

DISCUSSION GUIDE

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT
The Ten Commandments — Week 10

ICEBREAKER: How tolerant a person are you?

OVERVIEW: We live in a sex-obsessed, sex-crazed culture. Sex is on television, in the movies, in advertising, and everywhere we go because immodesty has become the norm. What does the Bible have to say about sex? Where is the line of sexual morality? How can we honor God with our sexuality? In this discussion we go deeper with the seventh commandment, “Do not commit 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. Would you agree that American society is much more sexually immoral than ever before? Explain. Why do you think this is the case?
3. Read Exodus 20:14. What is adultery?
4. Read Matthew 5:27-28. How did Jesus define adultery?
5. Today in American culture there is only one sexual “sin,” and that is having sex with someone without their consent, or before they are old enough to understand what they are consenting to. *Consent*. The view today is that as long as you are not harming someone, then an act should not be considered immoral. How is this different from God’s standard of sexual morality?
6. 1 Corinthians 6:13b says, “The body is not for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.” Notice the term “sexual immorality.” In Greek that is one word, *porneia*. In the Christian Standard Bible it is translated “sexual immorality.” In some Bible translations it is translated “fornication.” It refers to illicit sex including adultery, incest, premarital sex, or any extramarital arousal. According to this verse, what is God’s will for our sexuality?
7. In the sermon it was said that adultery, or extra-marital sex (when a married person has sex outside of marriage) is the worst form of sexual sin. Why might this be the case?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 7:8-9. Paul gives Christian singles two options regarding their sexuality. What are they?
9. Read Job 31:1-2 and Psalm 19:14. Why does the Bible condemn things like pornography, strip clubs, fantasies, and wayward glances? Aren’t these things harmless? Explain.
10. How is it a violation of the seventh commandment to neglect your marriage (i.e. not striving to meet your spouse’s needs)?
11. Read 1 Timothy 2:9-10. How is immodest dress a violation of the seventh commandment? What does it mean to dress modestly?

The Last Word: “You would be hard-pressed to find a sin more frequently, more uniformly, and more seriously condemned in the New Testament than sexual sin.” Kevin DeYoung