

“Lust of the Heart”
The Seventh Commandment
Sermon Notes

□ **We can get caught up in adultery because . . .**

1. ...immaturity and conflict in marriage are not only _____ but
_____. (Mark 10:6-9; Ephesians 5:23-33)

2. ...we allow evil thoughts to _____ our imagination. (Matthew 5:27-28; 1 John
2:15-17)

3. ...we justify our actions because our hearts are _____ deceived. (Jeremiah 17:9; 1
Corinthians 6:15-20; Proverbs 6:27-29; Proverbs 9:13-18; Malachi 2:14-16)

Next Week: Exodus 20:15 – “Taking What is Not Your Own”

MEFC Community Group Study Questions
For the week of June 21st – 27th

Open Your Bible to Exodus 20:14...

1. What does the seventh commandment teach us about how God views sex?
2. Why is adultery treated as such a serious sin? What are its far-reaching effects?
3. What immediate and potential consequences of premarital sex make it such a dangerous sin?
4. In what ways does the relationship between husband and wife mirror the relationship between God and his people?
5. How is adultery dishonoring to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit?
6. What lesser or inward forms of adultery are people tempted to excuse as being “not that serious”?
7. What poor decisions led up to David's temptation in 2 Samuel 11?
8. What principles can we learn from David's fall about how to keep the seventh commandment?
9. How can you apply this study of the seventh commandment to your own life? Are you doing anything that could lead to inward or outward adultery? How can you avoid these temptations?