

Building strong communitiesYou shall not commit adultery July 2nd '17**Questions for further study**

In this series, we're looking at the 10 commandments given by God to Israel after the Exodus from Egypt. We'll be exploring how these ancient, foundational laws apply into modern life.

"You shall not commit adultery" Exodus 20:14

1. What is the impact of marriage breakup on individuals, families, churches & communities? What do you think God's command not to commit adultery tells us about the importance God places on secure family life & faithfulness? How would current cultural ideas differ from this? Read Romans 12:1 & 2. What is our part & what is God's part in us remaining true to God's pattern for living?
2. What does Jesus teach about marriage in Matthew 19:4-6? How does Jesus extend the Old Testament command not to commit adultery in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:27-30? What strategies would help us stay true to what Jesus has taught us about this? How can we support friends & family members who we know are struggling in their marriages?
3. In Jeremiah 3:20 God says "But like a woman unfaithful to her husband, so you, Israel, have been unfaithful to me," declares the LORD. What does this picture about adultery show us about how God views people's unfaithfulness to Him? What does it show us about His grace & love? How does Ephesians 5:25-27 relate this marriage picture to the church? What does this teach us about the importance of our faithfulness to Him?

What key principles will you take from this study and apply to your life?

To follow up about the research mentioned in the sermon about family instability in the U.K:

<http://marriagefoundation.org.uk/uk-families-among-unstable-developed-world/>