



Life Group Discussion Guide
Sermon on the Mount
Walking Faithfully – Matthew 5:27-37
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Main thought: We are called to be faithful to God and others just as God has been faithful to us.

Outline

Faithful in our Morals (vv. 27-30)

Faithful in our Marriage (vv. 31-32)

Faithful in our Meaning (vv. 33-37)

Welcome and Fellowship Time (suggested time 10 min)

Open in Prayer

Discussion Starter (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

- Share about something or someone you're thankful for this week.

Week in Review (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

- Share ways you've been challenged follow up with people you need to be reconciled to this past week.

Sermon Review (suggested time 20 min)

Review Matthew 5:27-37 and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this message or passage?
- What is so significant about Jesus saying "but I tell you" in v. 28, 32, 34?
- In regards to v. 29 and v. 30, does Jesus mean this literally? Why or why not? What does He want us to know and do from His statements?
- Does God command divorce or permit it? What is the difference? Why does this matter?
- When it comes to lust there are three things Jesus helps us see; 1) it's an issue of the heart, 2) we need to address it seriously, 3) we need to deal with it urgently.
 - Share what Scriptures, spiritual resources, and Godly relationships have most helped you to get back up and walk faithfully in the area of purity?



- *For personal reflection: Is there something you need to confess or cut out of your life to help you continue to walk faithfully in the area of purity?*
- How do verses 33-37 relate to the dialogue regarding morals and marriage? Why is it important for us to be just as faithful in our words and verbal commitments?

Digging Deeper (suggested time 10 minutes)

Read Jeremiah 3:6-13 and discuss the following questions.

- What metaphor does God use to describe His relationship to Israel?
- What is true about Israel that is also true of us?
- What is true about God that is also true for us?
- Why is this important for us to know?

Application (suggested time 10 minutes)

- If married, how can you by God's grace take steps to deepen your commitment to your spouse and strengthen the bond of your marriage?
- If you're not married, how does Jesus statements about remaining faithful in marriage shape your view of relationships and the importance of wisely approaching your romantic relationships?
- What are ways you need God's help to be faithful with your verbal commitments?
- How have you experienced God's faithfulness in your life in spite of your faithlessness?

Spend time gathering prayer requests, praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members. (Suggested time 20 minutes)