



## Liberty LifeGroups Discussion

### Family Adventure 3

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This Discussion Guide is prepared to help believers apply the truths of Scripture to life. As you prepare, make sure you have read the Scripture text and listened to the Sermon. If you missed the Sermon, go to [www.experienceliberty.org](http://www.experienceliberty.org) and select the Sermon title listed above.

### The Family Adventure Part 3

Protecting your Marriage. The Fire That Needs to be Respected.

Lust is such an ugly word. 1John2:16 says this: *“For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.”* One major destroyer of marriage can be adultery. It’s such a sneaky sin that most people don’t even recognize when it begins to creep into a marriage.

Fire can be a good thing in any marriage in regard to your spouse. Any fire outside your marriage is sexual sin. God took the sin of adultery so seriously that it is included in the law of Moses. Exodus 20:14 simply states *“Thou shall not commit adultery.”*

- Why do you think that particular commandment is there?

And in James 1:13 through 14 we read : *13 Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am tempted by God”; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. 14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.*

- God is not to be blamed for your temptation. Sexual sin or Adultery is your own fault. What might be some leading factors in the temptation to fall into sexual sin?

Statistics about adultery:

1. 70% of all married people have committed adultery in their lives
  2. Women between the ages of 18-29 tend to have adulterous affairs more than men
  3. Men between the ages of 51-59 trend to have adulterous affairs more than women
  4. 50% of all marriages end in divorce, with 40 % caused by adultery
- How do you feel about these startling statistics? Why is there such a lack of commitment in marriages today?
  - Does the church emphasize the importance of commitment in marriages? What can the church do to help couples understand the significance in marriages as covenantal agreements?

### Read Matthew 5:27-30

*27 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, “You shall not commit adultery.” 28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.*

- Why is sex such a dirty word in the church? Should we deny our sex drive? What happened in Genesis 3 to pervert the gift of sex?
- Jesus uses the phrase *“whoever looks at a woman:(NKJV).* Discuss what that means, not only in regard to your eyes, but in your power of discernment and understanding.

To commit adultery is a Hebrew idiom and is used of those who at a woman's solicitation are drawn away to idolatry i.e. to the eating of things sacrificed to idols. Think about adultery as an act of idolatry against God.

- Does that change your perspective on adultery and how?

What are your thoughts about cell phones and their detrimental effect on our lives and our children?

- Were you aware that apps used today are geared to promoting sinful habits? Have you evaluated the current apps downloaded on your phone? Do you have apps on your phone you would allow your child to use?
- Do you think spouses should share access to each other's phones or computers?

*29 If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. 30 And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.*

- What does Jesus mean in these verses? Are we supposed to literally pluck out our eye and cut off our hand, if not, what?
- What lust is so sweet or profitable that is worth burning in hell for?

Finally, the subject of lust cannot be taught without considering pornography. The statistics are truly staggering. According to compiled numbers from respected news and research organizations, every second \$3,075.64 is being spent on pornography. Every second 28,258 internet users are viewing pornography. In that same second 372 internet users are typing adult search terms into search engines. Every 39 minutes a new pornographic video is being created in the U.S. It's big business. The pornography industry has larger revenues than Microsoft, Google, Amazon, eBay, Yahoo, Apple and Netflix combined.

What does this data mean? Pornography is the greatest battle any young man or woman faces in both single life and married life.

- Why is this form of sexual immorality such a colossal issue?

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 I think D.L. Moody got it right when he said:

*"I have more trouble with D. L. Moody than with any man I know. The man I see in the mirror each morning is my greatest impediment to holiness and godliness. "*

**Other verses to consider:**

**Psalm 119:37** Turn away my eyes from looking at vanity, And revive me in Thy ways.

**Proverbs 4:25** Let your eyes look directly ahead, and let your gaze be fixed straight in front of you.

**Proverbs 6:25-** Do not desire her beauty in your heart, nor let her catch you with her eyelids.

**James 1:14-**But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.<sup>15</sup> Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.