













## Small Group/ Reflection Notes

27-10-2024		10:7 – You shall not commit adultery	
 Start	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Play a game of 21/Blackjack. The object is for each player to get as close to a combined playing card score of 21 without ever exceeding 21 (going bust).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Deal all players 2 cards, face down. Each player then views their <i>own</i> cards.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Each card has a value: 2 = 2, 3 = 3 etc; Jack/Queen/King = 10; Ace = 1 or 11 (your choice) e.g. a Jack + 7 = 17; 9 + Ace can be either 10 or 20 (your choice)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Each player in turn, is asked if they wish to “stick” (receive no further cards) or “twist” (receive another card). Players exceeding 21 are “bust” (out of the game)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Repeat until all players are on either “stick” or “bust”.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Those on “stick” reveal their cards to see who got closest to 21.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Repeat the game a few times.</li> </ul>		
 Discuss	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> When the card game has no consequences, what’s your approach to risk?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What would make you think/ behave differently?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What if, instead of playing for ‘fun’, the stakes were raised: go “bust” and you lose money? Self-respect? Relationship with your family? Your home? What would your approach to risk be then?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What’s 21/blackjack got to do with adultery?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What <i>is</i> adultery?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What can be the <i>consequences</i> of adultery?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> No one goes from <i>zero</i> to <i>adultery</i> in an instant. How can uncontrolled attitudes/ behaviours/ emotions lead to adultery?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Is adultery always about <i>physical intimacy</i> with another? Can <i>emotional intimacy</i> with another also be adultery? When? How? Why?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Not all committed relationships last forever. Though never easy, how can a break-up be honest, honourable?</li> </ul>		
 Read	<a href="#"><u>Exodus 20:1-14</u></a>	 Listen again	<a href="http://ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch">ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch</a>
 Explore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#"><u>14</u></a>: Why was/ is adultery wrong? Why is it something that is <i>committed</i>, not just done?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> See <a href="#"><u>Leviticus 20:10</u></a>: Why <i>initially</i> was it an offence to have sex with a married <i>woman</i> or for a married <i>woman</i> to have sex with a man (whether single or married), but <i>not</i> necessarily for a married <i>man</i> to have sex with someone else? What does that say about how, ‘back in the day’, women were viewed? (<i>property</i> of their husbands) Why were men and women treated differently when it came to sex? How does that attitude still linger today? e.g. ‘lad culture’, shaming of women...</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> See <a href="#"><u>Matthew 5:27-30. v.28</u></a>: In addressing ‘<i>anyone</i>’, how was Jesus correcting the Law’s misrepresentation? How does <i>ancient truth</i> speak to pornography today? <a href="#"><u>v.29</u></a>: How should we <i>interpret</i> this? Why would taking this literally miss</li> </ul>		

	<p>the bigger truth? What's the wisdom Jesus was imparting to us? Practically, how can/ should we apply this?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> In using hyperbole (exaggerated language to make a point)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How did Jesus treat women? See <a href="#">John 4:1-26</a> and <a href="#">John 8:1-11</a>. How did Jesus challenge attitudes of the day, then? Today?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> See <a href="#">Romans 12:3</a>: Why is it important to know your own weaknesses/ vulnerabilities?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> See <a href="#">1 Corinthians 6:18</a>: When/ how have you 'fled'/ avoided a potentially awkward or compromising situation? How can our sexual sin hurt <i>us</i>?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> See <a href="#">2 Timothy 2:22</a>: Is it always 'youth'?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> See <a href="#">Mark 3:28-29</a>: What is the 'unforgivable sin'? If Jesus died once <i>and for all</i> so that all might be receive God's total forgiveness/ grace, why do some think <i>their</i> sin (or other people's sin) is the exception? Why do we sometimes struggle to receive forgiveness/ grace?</li> </ul>
<p>Go further</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> How many people were affected by David's mess/ uncontrolled desires?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> See <a href="#">2 Samuel 11:1-27</a>:</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.1-2</a>: What sowed the seeds for David's later adultery?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.3-4</a>: How did staff/ work colleagues get drawn into David's behaviour?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.2-5</a>: Who was Bathsheba? How was she affected by King David's adultery? How was this an abuse of power? How is power abused in the workplace? Church? See <a href="#">Leviticus 20:10</a>: What should have been the consequences for David? See <a href="#">2 Samuel 12:13-23</a>: Why happened to Bathsheba &amp; David's baby? Why was the deceased baby never named/ mentioned again?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.6-26</a>: Who was Urriah? How was he affected by David's adultery? Why did David wish him dead? Was Urriah's death just an unfortunate consequence of war or a deliberate murderous act of David?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> See <a href="#">1 Samuel 18:1-29</a>:</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.1-4</a>: Who was Jonathan? How was he affected by David's adultery? Do you think David and Jonathan had a great 'bro-mance' (strong friendship between two men) or something more intimate? See <a href="#">2 Samuel 1:26</a>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">v.20-29</a>: Who was Michal? How was she affected by David's adultery?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What can we learn from David?</li> </ul>
 <p>Reflect</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Which one verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why?</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> What one thing will you do differently?</li> </ul>
 <p>Do</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Checking your motives (conscious or subconscious), be a good friend/ work colleague to someone you know who is going through a hard time.</li> </ul>
 <p>Pray</p>	<p>Pray for one another. Pray through the fruits of the Spirit.</p>
 <p>My questions:</p>	

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