

"The Crooked Path of Adultery – Proverbs 5-7"

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Big Idea: The crooked road that promises love and happiness, is a destructive path paved with bitterness and regret.

For Starters

1. What did you think about this week's message? What questions were raised? What sticks out?
2. What are the reasons people commit adultery?
3. Do you know anyone who has had an "affair?" What resulted from them going down that path?

Digging In

1. Read Proverbs 5. Write out the metaphors used by Solomon and discuss them. An example is in verse 3. Her words are dripping honey, smooth as oil.
2. Read it again and look for the words that depict emotion—what do you notice?
3. What are the consequences listed in vv 8-14? Which consequence motivates you the most?
4. Look at Proverbs 6:26-29 and then 5:21. How should this motivate us to keep our marriage vows to each other?
5. What action does Jesus call us to regarding this matter of sexual purity? Look up Matthew 5:27-30.

Bringing it Home

1. David confesses in Psalm 51:4 that his sin was against God first and foremost. If adultery begins in the heart, what are you doing to cultivate a pure heart that is faithful to God and to those he has placed in your life? How does thankfulness fit here?
2. Do you have a friendship that is crossing the line? What will happen if you don't, and what's your plan to cut it off?
3. What lies are you believing that will make it difficult for you to return to God's path of blessing?
4. As a couple, or with your single friends, talk about how you can stay faithful in marriage/sexually pure? Couples, evaluate your marriage using the teaching of Proverbs 5:15-20.

Digging Deeper: Read and meditate on 2 Samuel 11-12, David's adultery with Bathsheba. Write out your observations and then pray through Psalm 32 and or 51, two Psalms written by David about his adultery.

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