

Sermon Discussion Guide - October 5, 2025 Thy Kingdom Come - Matthew 5:27-30

The sermon series "Thy Kingdom Come" explores the fundamental laws of living in the Kingdom of God..

1. What is one thing in your life - big or small - that you've had to be very disciplined (or even 'radical') about removing because you realized it was keeping you from a better goal?

2. Read Matthew 5:27-30

- What stands out to you about this passage?
- Why is this message particularly aimed toward men?
- Jesus raises the standard from the act of adultery to the lustful intent of the heart.
 What does this shift reveal about the nature of sin and God's expectations?
- 3. Jesus links the eye and the hand to sin, suggesting that our senses and actions can lead us astray.
 - What does Jesus mean to "cut off your hand" and "pluck out your eye"?
 - Given our current culture, what specific practices or boundaries can help a person guard their heart and mind from lustful temptation?
- 4. Read Galatians 5:22-23 and Ephesians 5:3-5, 17-18.
 - What is the role of the Holy Spirit in pursuing a life free from lust?
 - All sin has the same ultimate consequence, but sexual sin appears to stand out from other sin. Why do you think that is?
- 5. Dealing with lust is an individual's responsibility.
 - How can we help and encourage each other to live pure lives, both internally and externally?
 - Are there specific things that men and women can do to encourage others in a life of purity?
- 6. How can your group pray for and support you in light of today's discussion?