

RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES
QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION
Matthew 5:27-30 – Adultery and Lust

Note: please leave room in your study time for addressing question 6-10.

Read Genesis 2:15-25.

1. What do we learn about the nature of marriage? What is the purpose of this partnership?
2. What might sex contribute to this partnership?

Read Matthew 19:1-12.

3. Do you think everyone in verse 12 is literally castrated? What is Jesus saying about the human need for sex?

Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-5.

4. What does Paul say about the importance of sex for marriage? Should there be sex-less marriages?
5. How would you summarize the Biblical view of sex?

Read Matthew 5:27-30.

6. What is adultery? Do you think then that Jesus is restricting his comments to just married people? (1 Cor. 6:9-11) Why might he pick the word 'adultery' over 'sexual immorality'?
7. What behaviour is Jesus condemning in verse 28? Do you think he is against Christians noticing attractiveness in those whom they are not married to?
8. How do you think we should apply verses 29-30? What is the wrong way to apply them? Why?
9. What are the situations that could potentially cause temptation for people?
10. When it comes to any sin, when do we find it hard to cut temptation off? Why?