

Week 8 - June 1, 2008
Mt 5:27-32
*Being Freed From Lust
and Divorce*

The Greatest Sermon Ever

John called Jesus a “proto-feminist” because he gives the message here that women are not to be treated as objects.

Read Mt 5:27-32

“This is a commandment to see each other as God sees us – as children of God.”

“Loneliness and lust are kin.”

“Laziness and lust are kin.”

The water in Memphis is pure because it is protected.

Pray Together!

What does it mean to treat someone like an object?
What makes you feel like an object or de-valued as a person?

How does this interpretation of this passage give you new understanding of what Jesus is saying here?

To what extent do you feel lonely?
What keeps you from feeling lonely?
What do you fill the void with when you feel lonely?

It takes work to create and maintain healthy relationships.
What resources and practices have helped you work on your marriage?
What resources and practices have helped you work on having other healthy friendships?

Healthy relationships require the hard work of being vulnerable.
How difficult is it for you to be vulnerable . . . in your marriage . . . in your friendships?
What helps you feel safe so that you can be vulnerable?
In what ways do you create safety for you spouse and/or friends to be vulnerable?

What has God been saying to you personally through this passage and sermon?
What steps do you need to take to protect your relationships and keep them pure?

Is there a place where you need forgiveness and healing because you have hurt or been hurt by lust and/or divorce?
Is there a way your group can be an instrument of God’s grace in your life in regard to this issue?

If you don’t feel safe sharing this with your group
please make an appointment to talk with John, Kevin, or Janeen.