

7. What characteristics found in the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10) help a believer in her battle against sin?

8. What things (people, places, activities, etc.) lead you to sin? What actions do you need to take in the Spirit's power to deal with sin in a serious way? Pray specifically with your prayer partner.

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Homework for Lesson Nine
Adultery & Divorce

Your homework will help sharpen your understanding of the Bible and is a ministry to others as you share your answers in your small group. Prayerfully think through each answer with the expectation of sharing with others what God has taught you.

Read and memorize Matthew 5:27-32

1. (a) What does Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:27-28 imply about our ability to keep the law?

2. (a) Would literal obedience to Jesus' commands in verses 29 and 30 keep us from temptation and sin? Why or why not?

(b) Why do you think Jesus expressed it this way?

3. How does Jesus elaborate about this teaching in the following passages?

Mark 10:17-22

Luke 14:26-27

4. (a) How does Paul describe the war against sin?

Romans 8:13

I Corinthians 9:24-27

Colossians 3:5

(b) How can we do this in practical ways?

5. Read Deuteronomy 24:1-4 and Matthew 19:3-9.

(a) What was the only allowance for divorce, according to the Law?

(b) How had the teachers of the Law perverted God's original design in marriage, according to Jesus?

6. (a) How has God's design for marriage been perverted in our own age and culture?

(b) What is the hope and assurance is given that believers are now pure in God's sight? (See I Corinthians 6:9-11)

(c) What are Paul's instructions to those who were previously divorced, or were considering divorce? (See I Corinthians 7:10-15, 20, 24)