

# SEVEN DIDDLY SINS



## Lust

- What is something that stood out to you from Last Sunday's teaching?
- Everyone answer: In church, we often talk about Jesus' proclamation that He did not come to abolish the law, but to fulfill it. What does that mean to you?
  - Think about the difference between an unfulfilled law and a fulfilled law. In your own words how do you describe the difference between the two?
  - Read Matthew 5:17-20
    - What do you think that Jesus is trying to teach his audience about their relationship with the law and how that does and does not change through their relationship with Him?
    - Biblical scholars believe that the first five books of the Old Testament (called the "law" or the Torah) were meant to point to the Messiah, who would come and explain what the law really means. Do you think this still happens today with Christianity?
    - In this series, 7 Diddly Sins, we'll be exploring some of Jesus statements that all start with Him saying, "You've heard it said... But I tell you..." What were some things you thought about Christianity that you learned were different after you started a relationship with Jesus?
- Read Matthew 5:27-30
  - The 7 Deadly Sins is a title that refers to a popular grouping of sins that are considered the worst of all the sins. They are found in the teachings of Jesus Christ. In this passage, Jesus points out that acting out of lust (Adultery) is one of those deadly sins. Why do you think Jesus says that "looking" with lust (considered a diddly sin) is just as bad as acting out of lust?
  - The Greek word translated *lustfully* is the same word used in the Greek Old Testament for *covet* in the 10th commandment which forbids an Israelite from coveting a neighbors property, including his wife. With this concept in mind, compare and contrast lust vs. love. *Your group can use their phones to do a bit of quick research on this subject.*
  - In vs. 29-30 Jesus isn't actually commanding you to commit self harm. Jesus simply wants you to not tolerate anything in your life that would make room for impurity. What do you have setup in your life to keep lust from being a temptation for you?
- Pray for strength and steadfastness in the face of temptations.