

Legalized Adultery

Woe to those who use God's law as a cover for their sin.

Sermon Questions

1. It is important to understand both "what" the text is saying and _____ it is saying it.
2. The context of this text is Jesus exposing of the Pharisee's grumbling, _____, and unbelief.
3. [True/False] The Pharisees would use the law as a cover for their sin, thinking themselves righteous.
4. Matthew chapter _____ tells us that there are circumstances where divorce is allowable.
5. [True/False] It will be more bearable for a murderer on judgment day than for those who use God's word to justify their evil deeds.

6. List the three reflections from this verse:

- i. Faithfulness in _____ is one of the highest callings of Christian discipleship.

Bonus: List a danger to be unfaithful: _____

- ii. We can _____ while maintaining our "righteousness."

Bonus: List two examples of how sin can be covered up by "righteousness":

A mark of _____ in the disciple of Jesus Christ a desire to fulfill the spirit of the law.

- iii. Don't miss the undercurrent of _____.

We all need _____ and there is abundant _____ from Jesus.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Are you aware of the different positions regarding divorce and remarriage? A good introduction is the article in the ESV Study Bible or this one https://cdn.sbts.edu/documents/sbjt/sbjt_2002spring2.pdf
2. How could the Pharisees be so blind to their sin? How can we avoid that trap and stay receptive to the word and ready to seek grace?
3. Are there areas of your life that you need to start following the “spirit of the law” rather than excusing yourself from it? How does grace and drawing near to God aid us you in this area?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

Write or draw something you heard in the sermon.

