

LIGHTHOUSE GROUP HANDOUT

Deadly Desire
Matthew 5:27–30

MAIN IDEA

Lust is not just a look but a heart-level sin that leads toward destruction, and kingdom citizens must deal with it decisively through repentance, wisdom, and deeper affection for Christ.

SCRIPTURE

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(We will read this passage aloud together.)

DISCUSSION & REFLECTION

1. What stood out to you about how Jesus defines lust in this passage?

Notes or reflections:

Why do you think heart-level sin is often minimized compared to outward sin?

2. Why is it important that Jesus connects lust to coveting rather than just attraction?

In your own words, lust is:

How does this distinction help guard both holiness and grace?

Romans 13:9

3. The sermon emphasized that lust promises pleasure but delivers destruction.

Where do you see that pattern clearly in Scripture or real life?

Examples or observations:

Why do we keep believing sin's promises even after seeing its consequences?

Job 31:11–12
1 Corinthians 6:18

4. Jesus uses extreme language about the eye and the hand.

What do you think He is really calling His followers to do?

What does “cutting off” or “tearing out” mean practically?

Why is it easier to manage sin than to remove what fuels it?

5. The sermon said that radical boundaries are not legalism but wisdom.

Why is that distinction important?

What makes boundaries feel costly or uncomfortable?

Where do you see wisdom protecting faithfulness rather than restricting freedom?

6. How does the gospel keep us from either despair or pride when dealing with sin like lust?

How does the gospel speak to guilt?

How does the gospel speak to power over sin?

Romans 6:23
Hebrews 4:15–16

7. The sermon ended with the image of a “greater song.”

Why is affection for Christ stronger than restraint alone?

What does pursuing a “greater affection” look like in daily life?

What practices help keep your focus on Christ?

CARRY IT INTO THE WEEK

What’s one thing God impressed on you tonight that you want to carry into this week?

One concrete step I want to take this week:
