



# Adultery

## OBJECTIVE

To help groups understand the wisdom, joy and blessing of using the gift of sexuality as God desires and directs.

## FOCUS THIS WEEK

We are commanded to keep all our words and conduct pure and honorable with regard to marriage and sex. So what? What does this mean to a teenager living in a world bombarded with sex? What does this mean in a world where blatant sexuality is a mouse-click (or email inbox) away, and many married people say that there is nothing wrong with an occasional affair? Even if you're too young to be thinking about marriage, what does it mean to be "true" to one another in relationships? Don't let anyone leave this session without being confronted by this truth: We are commanded to be "true" and save ourselves for our spouse—no one else. So now what?

## FAITH5 SMALL GROUP TIME



**SHARE** highs and lows to set the stage for a more open and meaningful discussion. Pair group members up one-on-one to share the best and worst things that happened this week. After a short while, return to small group and invite each person to share their partner's highs and lows. Encourage youth to write their personal highs and lows, those of their partner, and a short prayer on their FAITH5 Small Group Time Handout.



**READ** and highlight the theme verse, Exodus 20:14, in your Bibles and circle key words. A musical version of this Scripture verse can be found at [www.faithink.com](http://www.faithink.com), FINKlink TC06.



**TALK** about how the Bible reading might relate to today's highs and lows. Supplement your discussion with some of the following.

### A. IMAGES IN WORDS AND ART

Take a look at the theme art and cartoons. What do you see in the art? Ask youth where they are in the art. How might the art and the theme verse apply to your group highs and lows today?

### B. ROLE PLAY

1. A friend says: "OK, I believe adultery is wrong, but I'm not married. This commandment doesn't say anything about sex outside of marriage with another unmarried person." What do you say?

2. You suspect a friend is being sexually abused. What do you say?

### C. QUESTIONS TO PONDER

**1. What does this ancient commandment on adultery have to do with teenagers living today?** You might start by having kids write a definition of adultery, then read the following dictionary definition: "Voluntary sexual intercourse of a married person with someone other than his or her lawful spouse." Based on this definition, affirm any thoughtful answers.

**2. According to I John 1:9, if someone is guilty of a sexual sin, what should he or she do?** Confess the sin and believe God's promise to forgive. John 8:11—"Go and sin no more."

**3. What are some ways to keep temptation from getting control of your life?** Accept all thoughtful answers. Look for responses such as: listening to elders, hanging out with the right people, reading the Bible, praying, finding positive hobbies and activities in life, etc.

**D. QUOTATIONS** Ask youth to choose a quotation and share their thoughts and questions about it.

**E. TERMS OF THE WEEK** Review these key terms and write definitions.

**Adultery:** Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and anyone other than his or her lawful spouse.

**Honorable:** Worthy, deserving reverence. Our sex lives are to be honorable.

**Marriage:** The union of a man and a woman for life, vowed before God.

**Pure:** Clean, free from dirt or pollution. Our sexual lives are to be pure.

**Sex:** A Sacred Experience and a gift from God for married men and women to enjoy.

### F. GROUP BUSINESS

**1. Servant Event Idea:** Volunteer a free babysitting evening, allowing new parents in your congregation to have a free date night together out of the house. For a little political activism, call, write or e-mail the national television networks expressing your views on sex on TV or call, write or e-mail your state and national representatives regarding the issue of pornography on the Internet.

**2. FAITH5 Home Huddle:** Encourage youth to take a few minutes for FAITH5 with their families each night at home, using the FAITH5 Journals or the Home Huddle Handout.

**G. WRAP UP** Summarize the event with your group, assigning someone to share what you learned at closing.

- One new thing we learned today
- One thing we already knew that is worth repeating
- One thing we would like to know more about
- The highest highs and lowest lows which our group will bring to the closing prayer



**PRAY** for one another. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in your lows. Include your friend's highs and lows in your prayers. Toss a newspaper into the center of the group or invite youth to think of something going on in the world that calls for prayer. **Tip:** Gather in a circle. Hold hands, lock arms or go shoulder-to-shoulder to bond your group!



**BLESS** one another by name. Trace a cross on each hand or forehead. Look them in the eyes and give them a smile. As for their blessing as well!

