

### **Deuteronomy 22:13-30 (March 12, 2021)**

**Reflection:** *How would you explain to a non-Christian how Christians think about the topic of sex? Does marriage change how sex is viewed?*

#### **Read Deuteronomy 22:13-21 – Marital Infidelity**

1. Summarize the situation in 22:13-21 and how the situation is resolved. What does it tell us about responsibility when the father and elders are involved in the verdict?
2. Unrepentant sexual immorality is clearly something the church cares about today. (cf. Eph 2:20-22, 1 Pet 2:9-10) Read 1 Cor 5:1-13, what is the impact on the church if this issue is unresolved?

#### **Read Deuteronomy 22:22-24, 30 – Sexual Promiscuity**

3. What happens if a man is found lying with someone's wife? (v.22) What if a betrothed virgin sleeps with another man? (v.23-24) What is Moses' command about a man sleeping with his stepmother? (v.30)
4. In our world today the act of sex is often seen as a non-moral or even a good act between two consenting individuals. How is the world's view seen from God's perspective (cf. Gal 5:19-21, 1 Cor 6:13-20, Heb 13:4, Col 3:5-6) Why is the world's view so tempting for Christians today?

5. We often speak of why sexual immorality is bad, but are there good reasons to be sexually pure? If you were to counsel a young Christian today about sexual purity, what would you say? (1 Thess 4:2-5,7, Gal 5:22-23) How would you counsel a young Christian today who did have sex before marriage (answer the question from both the standpoint of before they became a Christian and after they became a Christian)?

**Read Deuteronomy 22:25-29 – Sexual Abuse**

6. What are Moses' instructions if a betrothed woman has been violated? (v.25-27) if a single woman has been violated? (v.28-29)

7. From the New Testament, is it only sexual immorality when the external act is committed? (cf. Matt 5:27, 15:19, Mark 7:21) How can we better protect ourselves from committing sexual immorality?

**God has made us and our bodies to serve Him, and not to serve our bodily desires. When we deviate from His design, not only do we practice something that is bringing God's wrath, but ultimately, we hurt ourselves in the process. Certainly, there is forgiveness and grace when we sin, but it grieves God and there can be lasting consequences on our bodies when we practice sexual immorality. Be wary of adultery and sexual immorality in your thoughts and actions.**