

Living In Christ | Week #04

I Feel So Used! | March 20th

Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as being dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus. —Romans 6:11

What's the Issue Anyway?

Have you ever felt _____?

Our culture sees people as _____.

People are often treated as _____ in someone's game of thrones.

Objectification ends with complete _____ and _____ of people.

What wisdom does Jesus in Matthew 5:27-32 offer us?

Remember: We are looking for _____ from ancient legal commentary on Jewish law.

Remember: Jesus is concerned with more than _____, _____ and _____.

Remember: Jesus is speaking truth to _____ and giving _____ to the powerless.

Jesus gave wisdom through _____ (27-28)

The problem with adultery is _____ objectification and _____ exploitation. (27-28)

Jesus protected and empowered _____ by expanding the definition of adultery to include lust.

In Jesus' day, divorce was a legal _____ not a protection from abuse or injustice.

The problem with divorce was _____ objectification and exploitation of _____. (31-32)

Objectification starts with _____ then turns into _____. (32)
(James 1:14-15)

Don't Miss This!

We need to crucify our _____ eyes and hands.

What about my everyday, peacemaking life?

_____ your objectifications without excuse.

Don't treat people as _____ to your problems.

Find out _____ details about people by _____ to their story without judgment.

How can this make me a better human and our world a better place?

When we crucify objectification, God will resurrect _____
_____ in our world.

What is God inviting you into today?

1. Stop using people for my personal benefit.
2. Set a boundary or end a relationship where I am being used.
3. Accept that the social institutions of divorce and marriage are not one-for-one equals between ancient and modern societies.

Thought Provoking Questions for Groups or Personal Reflection

1. Think of a time you felt used. What were the circumstances? How did you come to realize that you were in fact being objectified? What did you do to end that relationship or correct it with a boundary?
2. Think about your past relationships. Have you ever used someone for your own benefit? What were the circumstances surrounding that situation? What would you do differently today?
3. In addressing adultery, divorce and marriage, Jesus is addressing deeper issues that plague all humanity regardless of the time in which a person lives. Why do you think we tend to fixate on the moral rule rather than the deeper wisdom?
4. Where have you seen a person treated with deep human dignity? How do you think this concept of "human dignity" could affect international relationships? What about your relationship with your neighbors?