

# AMONG AMERICAN GODS

A SERIES ON THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

This week, Tim Latham continued our series on the Ten Commandments by preaching on adultery and the pursuit of happiness.

## READ

Exodus 20:14

Matthew 5:27-30

Hosea 1-3

## REFLECT

1. Tim quoted the Catholic Church's Catechism as "Adultery is viewed not only as a sin between an individual and God but as an injustice that reverberates through society by harming its fundamental unit, the family." Have you witnessed the reverberating destruction of adultery? How so?
2. How have you seen the pursuit of happiness manifest in your life? Are there ways in which you have prioritized your own personal happiness over other people?
3. Tim said that when we engage in intimacy outside of marriage, we work against the very purpose of intimacy." What does that mean?
4. Jesus expanded on our understanding of adultery by including lust and the objectification of others. What are some of the ways we can objectify and dehumanize others created in the image of God for our own personal happiness?

## PRAY

- + Confess to God how often we value our own happiness over what God requires from us.
- + Ask God to help us recognize the image of God in others and refrain from objectifying or dehumanizing them.
- + Thank God for providing a path away from our pursuit of happiness.
- + Pray for renewal in our Church, our Community, and our City.

## PRACTICE

- + Tim asked us to find a small group where we can talk openly and honestly about our struggles and priorities in these areas. This week, talk with someone else about these questions:
  - Are we finding contentment in God or pursuing individual happiness?
  - Are we enjoying intimacy within God's design or are we struggling with these boundaries and making mistakes?
  - What are danger spots for us when it comes to lust and the objectification of others? How might we help each other set up boundaries and a game-plan for dealing with these danger areas?