

Now Wonder They Crucified Him

Curb Your Desires – Matthew 5:27-30

Discussion Points

March 17, 2018

Read & Reflect

1. Read Matthew 5:27-30,
2. Explore the rest of the chapter, noticing the times Jesus “redefines” the law with his phrase, “You’ve heard it said. . . but I say to you. . .” By his redefinition, is Jesus just making the rules for holy living harder or is he focusing on something else?

Explore

3. What do you think of the idea of Jesus being fun? Do you think that’s true? Why or why not?
4. How might fun and holiness go together? When might they part ways?
5. Which of the following lusts do you most need to discipline your mind against?

Sex

Prestige

Food

Finances

Success

Other

6. Explain how Satan might tempt the following people to sin through their reason and emotions
 - Janine has overspent her credit cards, but would like to get a nice gift for her friend’s wedding.
 - Thomas has checked out a few X-rated websites, but he hasn’t actually entered them.
 - Melody, working to help put her husband through seminary, is ashamed of her shabby furniture.
 - Curt, married with three children, is offered a work promotion that will involve extensive travel.
7. Now explain how each of these people could resist the temptation to sin.

Pray: [Do you just want forgiveness rather than healing for your obsessions?](#)

- Pray a prayer of repentance that seeks the healing of Jesus from our lust for more.
- Pray for one another to experience God’s grace and the Spirit’s power to live in holiness.

