

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 14th June (KEC SERVICE ONLINE)

Before the livestream starts at 9am:

KIDS VIDEO will be made available by 8.30am. Next week, the kids will be starting a new series in the book of Acts! But this week, enjoy the latest time with Uncle Colin and learn all about our great God!

Direct link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jZJggRwE_Y

9am – Livestream starts

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0. Starter discussion question:

“Briefly share an experience where something you have or bought didn’t work the way you expected it to.”

1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 24

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Daniel Langat)

SONG 1: Forever (Give thanks to the Lord)

SONG 2: Christ is Mine Forevermore

3. Doctrine for Doxology: What is the Trinity and why does it matter?

4. Prayers of intercession

- World: Our Nigerian brothers and sisters in Christ
- Nation: Political situation
- Church: New and not-yet Christians

5. Bible reading: Matthew 5:27-37

²⁷ “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’^[a] ²⁸ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.

³¹ “It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’^[b] ³² But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

³³“Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ ³⁴ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; ³⁵ or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. ³⁶ And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. ³⁷ All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

- a. [Matthew 5:27](#) Exodus 20:14
- b. [Matthew 5:31](#) Deut. 24:1

SERMON OUTLINE: Jesus Culture – Relationships (II) (Matt. 5:27-37)

Good design / design fail

God’s design is flawed(?)

Coco Chanel

Only one rule: help me follow my heart and be true to myself

Christians are not immune to this narrative

How do we know if we’ve bought into these assumptions?

Today’s passage as test case – how do you hear Jesus’ words?

Result

What if those assumptions are flawed?

Exhibit A: *#MeToo* movement

Exhibit B: Divorce rate in Sarawak

Give Jesus a hearing again

Jesus Culture – about restoring God’s original design
...so you will flourish

1. Stay faithful to God’s design in your sexuality (v.27-30)

Adultery....

Begins with the heart

What is and isn’t lust?

Why does Jesus take this so seriously?

“Internet pornography has absolutely changed my generation’s expectations. How does that not affect the psychology of having a relationship with somebody? It’s got to. This is my problem now: rather than meet somebody new, I would rather go home and replay the amazing experiences I’ve already had. What that explains is that I’m more comfortable in my imagination than I am in actual human discovery.” – John Mayer

Jesus is restoring our freedom and honour
To the person lusting

To the person being lusted at

Radical action must be taken (v.29-30)

i. Take the necessary action

ii. Take decisive action

2. Stay faithful to God's design in your marriage (v.31-32)

Divorce: not part of God's original design

OT regulates it: Deut. 24:1-4

Debate – how to apply those verses?

Taking what Moses permits and turning it to permissiveness

Messing everything up for everybody

The exception clause

Application

3. Stay faithful to God's design in our communicative patterns (v.33-37)

OT: swear by God's name to substantiate your promise

Voluntary but binding

Elaborate system of oaths

Stop twisting how words work!

Application

Jesus' alternative vision for our relationships

RESOURCES to help you keep fighting

- John Piper “Strategies for fighting lust: ANTHEM”
<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/anthem-strategies-for-fighting-lust>
- Covenant Eyes software (<https://covenanteyes.com>)
- Captured by a Better Vision – Tim Chester (US edition title: Closing the Window)
- Purity is Possible – Helen Thorne (for females)
- Marriage and the Mystery of the Gospel – Ray Ortlund
- War of Words – Paul David Tripp

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mission Sunday (21st June)
- Ministry updates
- Library – tentatively open Saturday 27th June (2-4pm)
- Giving
- Prayer Meeting

BENEDICTION

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

- Romans 15:13