



Welcome to Women's Bible Study

A Ministry of Autumn Ridge Church

November 3, 2010

Please turn off cell phones as a courtesy to our speakers. Thank You!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PLEASE WELCOME TODAY'S GUEST SPEAKER JULI FISCHER.** Juli is a member of Autumn Ridge Church and currently serves as the *MOPS Mentor Mom* providing biblical truths and practical ideas to help others fulfill the roles of wife, mother, and woman. She is involved in *Next Chapter Ministries* which ministers to individuals who are trying to reintegrate into community life after incarceration. Juli and her husband Phil, one of ARC's current Elder Board members, served as overseas missionaries. She speaks at various women's functions and retreats, as well as facilitates Sunday school classes as needed. Juli and Phil have five grown children.
- **REMINDER:** The small group for *Pfeifer/Fiek/Hemenway* will meet in the Upper Room and the small group for *Poland/Cookman* will now meet in the Luther Room for discussion during the morning session. Thank you for your flexibility during construction!
- **POOLS OF REFRESHING:** Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 21, from 6-8 PM in the Timothy Chapel. This quarterly gathering is a time of worship and spiritual renewal for women.
- **ALL WBS WEEKLY MATERIALS:** Announcement/outline page, discussion/study questions, and the printed lecture notes are available within 24 hours of the date of the lecture on our website.
- **QUESTIONS DURING THE WEEK:** Contact Michelle Johnson, ARC Women's Ministry Assistant and WBS Administrative Assistant, 288-8880 or michellej@aridge.org or e-mail us at: wbs@autumnridgechurch.org
- **IF YOU ARE NEW TO WBS TODAY OR HAVE NOT REGISTERED:** Please visit us at the registration table so we can place you in a small group (AM) or at a table group (PM).

Dear Friend,

Today we welcome guest teacher Juli Fischer, speaking on "Do not commit adultery."

This is the sort of passage that, when the team is deciding who is going to teach which dates, everyone including me suddenly has something to do on that date which means they can't teach. You see, it's really tough to get up in front of everyone and teach biblical, but unpopular, truth. Adultery is so rampant in our culture... statistics tell us that at least one in ten of the women reading this will either have been affected by it, either by having an affair themselves or being affected by their husband's infidelity.

But what does God think of adultery? While he commands us to refrain from it in Exodus 20, he also doesn't treat it as the unforgivable sin. In fact, the gentleness with which Jesus restored the woman caught in adultery in John 8 is tremendously encouraging. The Pharisees dragged a woman before him who had been caught in the act. They were ready to stone her, for that is what Old Testament law required. But Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground with his finger. But then he addressed the crowd: "If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone." And the crowd silently melted away, chastened. "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

That's really the point of the commandments, isn't it? Go now and leave our life of sin. With Christ's help, we can. If we are keeping the first commandment (No other gods before me) we'll be able to avoid spiritual adultery. We belong to God. To run after false gods breaks our covenant with him, just as adultery breaks the marriage vows.

And pray for Juli today as she speaks on this delicate subject, that we would understand the grace of God that provides forgiveness while still recognizing what our sin costs him and those we love.

Your friend,

Gretchen Steer



Women's Bible Study Weekly Outline

Today's Lecture from Exodus 20:14 is by *Juli Fischer*
App #7: God's Union

I. The Who of This Commandment

A. Leviticus 20:10

B. Matthew 5:27,28

II. The How of This Commandment

III. The Why of This Commandment

A. Hebrews 13:1-4

B. Ephesians 5:31-33

C. 1 Peter 1:14-16

IV. The Now What of This Commandment

A. 2 Timothy 2:22

B. 1 Peter 2:9,10

CHURCH EVENTS:

- **Costa Rica Mother/Daughter/Women's Trip—June 25th-July 3rd, 2011:** An opportunity for women is being offered to serve in Costa Rica with ARC sponsored missionaries, Su and Woody Roland, at the International Teams campus. Along with some construction projects (painting, sanding, etc...), we will spend time with needy families in the surrounding community and with residences at the *Albernia Senior Home* who have no family and are often without visitors for months at a time. Mothers and daughters (13 and older) are encouraged to experience international service together! Please contact Becky Wiens if you are interested at becky@aridge.org. The first informational meeting will be Sunday, November 7th, at 6 pm in the Common Grounds Café at the Missions Open House. Cost for the trip is approximately \$1500/person.
- **S.H.A.P.E. Class** – Come and change the way you think about ministry and discover how your spiritual gifts, passions, abilities, personality and experiences fit you to serve on Saturday, November 13, from 10 AM – Noon in the Wesley Room. Questions? Contact Karen Foster, Pastor of Ministry Development, at 288-8880.
- **SALVADOR in Concert:** Sunday, November 14, at 7:30 PM Autumn Ridge Church will host the national pop/rock Latino jam band *Salvador* for a special conclusion to our 2010 Mission's Festival. Tickets can be purchased at Christos Bookcenter or online at www.autumnridgechurch.org. General admission \$12, Gold Seats \$25.

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