



Conversation Guide

Pornography

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The more excitement people seek from pornography, the less they get.

Summary

Porn users need increasingly graphic content to satisfy their addictions. As they consume pornography, they destroy both themselves and their relationships.

Porn teaches men and women to have false views of who they are, and the objectification present in hookup culture only reinforces porn's lies. What's more, porn has been tied to divorce, violence against women, and human trafficking.

Reflect, Discuss, and Share

01 While all sin breaks God's law, the Bible says that sexual sin is particularly destructive. In 1 Cor. 6:18, Paul writes that people who sin sexually sin against their own bodies. What you think this means, and how do you see this idea playing out in our culture?

Discuss!

02 The song "Closer" by the Chainsmokers isn't pornographic, but it does promote the idea of living for the pleasure of the moment. How does this mentality strengthen the lies of pornography?

Think about this!

03 Porn encourages men to be sexually dominating and women to see themselves as sex objects. Talk about how you see these viewpoints influencing you or people you know. Focus on examples specific to either men or women.

Be Vulnerable!

Diving Deeper

In this section we do not want to lecture at students but allow them to read the text of scripture and walk through a series of questions so that they engage with the truth of the Bible. The three sections of interaction (Discover, Investigate, Go) are different sets of questions helping us to engage the Word of God in a proper way.

We will spend some time in 1 Corinthians 6:13-20 which describes sexual immorality and the necessity to flee it. The Corinthian church had some major issues of sexual immorality. For one the culture that they lived in was a sexually hyped culture, much like we are in today. Many Christians in Corinth saw bodily appetites such as sexuality as indifferent. The apostle Paul wanted to stress with them that it definitely matters because the bodies of Christians are one with the resurrected Christ.

1 Corinthians 6:13-20 *"13 ...The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! 16 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, 'The two will become one flesh.' 17 But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. 18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."*

DISCOVER: What Does The Text Say? (Observation)

1. What is the body meant for and not meant for?
 - *Not meant for sexual immorality but meant for the Lord.*
2. What are we supposed to do when faced with the temptation of sexual immorality?
 - *Flee*
3. What is the difference between committing sexual sin and any other kind of sin?
 - *Sexual sin is against your own body. Other sins are outside the body.*

INVESTIGATION: What Does The Text Mean? (Interpretation)

1. In regards to v.1, what are the consequences for the person that "lives" for sexual activity, more specifically, sexual immorality (any sexual activity outside the right & healthy confines of marriage)? In other words, how does sex, which is a good gift from God, become a bad God?
 - *Consequence #1: We merely become consumers of God's good gifts rather than enjoying God's kindness with gratitude through the good gift.*
 - *Good gifts were never meant to bring fulfillment & satisfaction in and of themselves. Good gifts are meant to help us enjoy God as our Creator for his kindness to us. Making gods out of His good gifts do not lead us to God but away from Him.*
 - *Think of it this way. The pleasure gained from a good gift was never meant to be enjoyed in isolation or to compete with the joy of knowing God's kindness. When we separate God from the good gift we just begin to "use God" for our own selfishness (much like we could use a friend for what we gain instead of what we could give).*

- *Consequence #2: We drift from God's original design for the good gifts and misuse them and incur the consequences of this.*
 - *Misusing God's good gifts is like trying to take fire out of the fireplace and putting the fire in your lap. In the fireplace we enjoy the blessings of the fire, but in our laps we incur the destruction it creates when it is taken out of the original place it was designed to exist.*
2. Read v.19-20 again. What are your initial thoughts on the phrase, "You are not your own"? Does this sound restraining or freeing? Why? Be honest!
 - *If we are honest it does seem restraining. We naturally don't like having authority in our lives. We like to determine what is best for us.*
 - *But when we join ourselves to Christ we are acknowledging that we are the foolish ones when it comes to knowing what is best for us and we are also admitting we need God's help in determining that. This is repentance and faith!*
 - *We are not our own because we have given ourselves to Christ AND we have been bought back by the blood of Jesus. This isn't restraining this is gaining freedom by enjoying God's loving authority in our lives.*
 3. Why do you think Scripture gives us the command to "flee" sexual immorality as opposed to doing something else to thwart off its temptation.
 - *To do anything else but flee is to give ourselves too much credit & to think more highly of ourselves than we actually are. We're not as strong as we think. Running away (physically or mentally) is an appropriate response to temptation, especially in the area of sex.*

GO: How is God inviting Us to Respond? (Application)

1. Can anyone talk about a situation where God's grace helped you flee temptation?
 - *Answers may vary.*
2. Talk about what "fleeing" might look like (or whatever would be the appropriate response) in any of these particular situations.
 - *You see an attractive woman who is dressed immodestly out in public.*
 - *You're alone and all of a sudden feel a strong sexual impulse.*
 - *You're with a group of friends who begin to talk about a woman (or women) in a way that puts unhealthy emphasis on physical attributes.*
 - *You're on your phone and see something that entices you in a sexual way.*
3. Let's review a question from last week on how does one fight against temptation. Of the things listed below celebrate how God's grace allowed you to do one or more of the following in your fight against sin. Share with the group.
 - *Daily Repent and put your Trust in Jesus.*
 - *Confess sin to the Lord. (see 1 John 1:8-9)*
 - *Let the light into the darkness. Find a trusted friend or encourager you can share your sin struggles with. (see John 3:19 & 12:46).*
 - *Don't provide yourself easy opportunities to sin (see Romans 13:14).*
 - *When opportunities to sin arise, RUN! (see 2 Tim 2:22)*
 - *Pursue the things of God (see 2 Tim 2:22)*
 - *Don't do this alone. Strive to do this with others! (2 Tim 2:22)*

Before closing in prayer, it might be a good idea to share again the bullet points and provide an opportunity for people to share prayer needs.

- Thank you guys for your willingness to participate in such an important yet difficult conversation.
- We want our time together to be a safe environment for you but not for your sin. If you are in a struggle with sin please talk with someone!
- You're not alone and you're not the only one struggling. Be brave and trust that you are loved by us and more importantly you are loved by Jesus!

Close the group time in prayer for those with prayer needs.