

LET'S TALK ABOUT

SEX

"Gone Wild"

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2 Samuel 11; 12:1-14; James 5:16 (ESV)

LG Study Guide

According to xxxchurch.com, pornography brings in more revenue in this country than the combined income generated by pro football, baseball, and basketball. However, as we have been learning, sex itself isn't the issue or the problem here. So, what is the issue here? The real issue is the state of our heart. Do we diligently make room for GOD in our heart (mind), or do we allow other things such as lust to take residence in our hearts and push God to the periphery of our lives? Wherever you happen to be in your struggle with sins, such as, lust and sexual immorality, there is hope for those who belong to Christ. So, take a deep breath and get ready to go deep—deep into your heart.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTION FOR COUPLES & FAMILIES LG:

If your group meets as couples/families, I ask that you break into gender-specific groups this week to allow more transparency and safety during the discussion.

MY STORY

1. What do you think about the following statement? "Your choice today determines where you will be tomorrow!"
2. What do you want more than anything in the world? How do your daily choices reflect that desire?
3. Define lust in your own words?

DIGGING DEEPER

Read 2 Samuel 11 and respond to the questions that follow:

1. When and where do you feel the most susceptible to temptation?
2. At what point did things go wrong for David? At what point or points could this whole story have been avoided?
3. What steps does David take to cover up his lustful actions? Why is he so driven? What does it tell you about him?

4. How is David affected by his actions? How are others affected (2 Samuel 12)? What about Bathsheba?
5. How do these actions fit with David's title of "a man after God's own heart"?
6. In light of this whole story, what is "the thing that David had done" that displeased the Lord (v.27)?
7. Where do you think David's soul is at by the end of the chapter? Is this where he thought he would end up after indulging in "just one look" on the rooftop?
8. Author and theologian Frederick Buechner once wrote, "Lust is the craving for salt of a man who is dying of thirst." And author Bruce Marshall wrote, "the young man who rings the bell at the brothel is unconsciously looking for God." What do you think people are really looking for when they clamor after wrongful sexual indulgences?

BRINGING IT HOME

1. Read James 5:16. According to the passage, what is the role of Christian community like LifeGroups in dealing with sin? What does God call us to do? How do you feel about that? And Why?
2. In what ways have you seen the progression of lust—emotional and/or physical—in your own life? What has been, or will be, the conclusion of that story? Is there anything you need and want to confess to your brothers and sisters? Please be as specific as you can. Remember that sin that is concealed can not be healed!
3. Spend the next 15-20 minutes discussing concrete ways through which you can hold each other accountable—especially those who are most vulnerable.
4. Please continue to share with your group what God has been teaching you through your Life Journal/Devotional.

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