

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Part 3: Lust & Purity Pastor Tom Kang

Icebreaker: Several studies and statistics were shared throughout the most recent message. (Ex: Annual revenue from pornography higher than that of the NFL, NBA, MLB combined ... 40% of Christian males actively seek porn at least once a month ... Empirical data showing strong evidence against the benefits of pre-marital sex ... Today's teens considering pornography as less immoral than not recycling, etc.) Which, if any, of those stood out to you?

- I) Where do you see LUST rearing its ugly head in today's culture and why do you think it is so prevalent? What are some of the best examples of PURITY you see in today's culture?
- 2) Do either of the two quotes resonate with you. If so, please share why and how.

 "Every man who knocks on the door of a brothel is looking for God." G.K. Chesterton

 "Our hearts are restless, until they find their rest in You." St. Augustine
- 3) Read aloud and discuss I Thessalonians 4:3-8 and Psalm 119:9-11. What about these two passages stuck out to you the most and why?
- 4) Guilt and shame often accompany downfalls in the area of lust. Read Micah 7:8-10 and discuss what it might be like if those two elements were actually BRIDGES drawing you closer to God rather than BARRIERS between you and God.
- 5) 2 Corinthians 7:8-11 is an incredible passage that talks about two different types of sorrow. What are those two types and how might they apply to the areas of lust? And how might they apply towards leading one towards purity?

EXTRA CREDIT: Plan a movie night with your Small Group and/or family to watch "The Heart of Man" (available on Amazon Prime) and spend some time discussing what impressed you the most about this incredible production. (It's not a "cheesy Christian movie" ... we promise! ;-)

