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BIG IDEA: You aren't strong enough to get over lust on your own.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Porn Stats:

- Porn revenue annually: \$57 billion— more than NHL, NFL, NBA and major league baseball combined
- Porn revenue annually in U.S.: \$13.3 billion—more than Microsoft, Google, Amazon, EBay, Yahoo, Apple combined
- Adult bookstores outnumber McDonald's restaurants in the U.S. by a margin of at least 3-1
- 12,000 pornographic movies made every year compared to 500 movies produced annually by Hollywood (20x more)
- Every 39 minutes, a new pornographic video is produced to meet demand.
- Pornographic web sites 4.2 million (12% of total web sites)
- Pornographic pages 372 million
- Daily pornographic search engine requests 68 million (25% of total search engine requests)
- Daily pornographic emails 2.5 billion (8% of total emails)
- Average daily pornographic emails/use 4.5 per Internet user
- Web sites offering illegal child pornography 100,000+
- Sexual solicitations of youth made in chat rooms 89%
- average age someone now sees pornography because of the Internet is 11 years old
- Youths who received sexual solicitation 20%
- Worldwide visitors to pornographic web sites 72 million annually
- Breakdown of male/female visitors to pornography sites 72% male - 28% female
- 90% of 8-16 year olds have viewed porn online.



1. Salty or sweet? What is your favorite snack? What is it that makes it your favorite? How often do you indulge?
2. What do you think the most popular headline story of 2010 has been so far? (*Tiger Woods affairs*)
3. Name all of the people who have had scandals when it comes to sex.
4. Read Romans 1:24-28; and James 1:13-17. According to Romans 1:24, what causes us to turn to the creature rather than the creator? Where does pursuing pleasure apart from God lead? Based on these verses, what is the root problem when it comes to sexual sin?
5. How is deception involved in getting us hooked into sexual sin? What are some lies we believe that affect our desires and choices?
6. Read Romans 7:17-25. Who wrote this passage? Does anything surprise you about this passage? Paul was honest and open about his struggles. Why is it difficult for us to be open and honest?
7. Why do we work so hard to keep our addictions secret?
8. Read Romans 6:12-14. In your life where are you consistently finding security, or comfort, or excitement or relief that doesn't involve God? Have you thought of it as an addiction before?
9. Read Matthew 5:27-30. How is Jesus' standard of purity different than most peoples' standard of purity? What is Jesus' point by using such exaggerated language?
10. Read 1 Corinthians 10:12. What warning should we take from this passage?
11. How would your life be different if you were free from every addiction that is holding you hostage?

It is often easy to confess the first 90% of our sin, but it is the final 10% that is the hardest. It is a risk but we need to "bring the dark into the light". It might be that we think that our final 10 is worse than the other person's so we hold back. The enemy wants us to keep that final 10 to ourselves where it will continue to keep us bound.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

James 5:16 says, *“Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective”* We are called to confess to one another, and then to pray for each other so that all may be healed and receive God’s strength to walk away from the addictions holding us hostage. What could that look like in this group?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a girl. Job 31:1