



Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Look up the definition for lust. Share it with the group. How would you define lust in your own words?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Pastor Ruben shared some stats about pornography. Do any of these stats surprise you?
 - a. The porn industry's annual revenue is more than the NFL, NBA, and MLB combined. It is also more than the combined revenues of ABC, CBS, and NBC.
 - b. 47% of families in the United States reported that pornography is a problem in their home.
 - c. Pornography use increases the marital infidelity rate by more than 300%.
 - d. 11 is the average age that a child is first exposed to porn, and 94% of children will see porn by the age of 14.
 - e. 68% of church-going men and over 50% of pastors view porn on a regular basis.
 - f. 76% of young Christian adults, ages 18-24 years, actively search for porn.
 - g. 55% of married men and 25% of married women say they watch porn at least once a month.
 - h. One-third of porn viewers are women.
3. How does Romans 5:12 relate to lust?
 - a. Is sexual attraction normal?
 - b. When does a natural God-given sexual drive become lust?
 - c. When does it become sin?
4. According to these verses is lust a sin?
 - a. Matthew 5:27-28
 - b. 1 John 2:16
 - c. Job 31:1
 - d. Job 31:11-12.



5. What did Jesus say about the origin of lust in Mark 7:20-23?

6. According to Ezekiel 23:11-17, what was Israel's first mistake? What can we learn from their mistakes?

7. According to James 1:14-15, when does temptation become sin?
 - a. What should we be mindful of?
 - b. Compare this verse to Proverbs 7:7-23.
 - c. What was this naive young man's first mistake?

8. Please read Galatians 5:16-25. What does this say? What's the difference between the flesh and the spirit?

9. According to Colossians 3:1-5, what do you think about?

10. What is God showing you in this study?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Job understood the power of what you set your eyes on.
- Israel fell in love with pictures that were painted on a wall.
- There's nothing innocent about what you long for.
- Three way to overcome lust:
 1. Don't go down the wrong street.
 2. Be self-aware.
 3. Don't be naive.