

Serial Killers – In Disguise

Weekend Discussion Questions

January 15-16, 2011

Community:

1. How do you think society's attitude toward sex has changed in your lifetime?
2. What are some of the magazine headlines you saw on the grocery store rack this week?
3. How influential do you think the media is in forming thoughts and beliefs on sex and lust?

Core:

1. Up until this week, what did you believe that God's intentions were toward you? Have your thoughts about that changed at all after this week's teaching?
2. What do you understand (from the Bible) God's intentions to be regarding sex? What is its primary purpose?
3. Given God's intentions for sex, what would be the harm in a sexual relationship with someone who wasn't your spouse?
4. In 2 Corinthians 10:5, what does it mean to take "every thought captive to the obedience of Christ"?
5. Since God created sex then how do his rules or boundaries actually confirm his love for us? Talk about what it means to be a good dad (knowing what is good and what will steal and kill).
6. Read Matthew 5:27-30, what is Jesus saying here and why does he use such extreme examples?
7. Is God old-fashioned and does he care about you having fun?
8. Are thoughts harmless and does what we think about matter? How?
9. Read Mark 7:21-22, how do actions that seem spontaneous actually show that a lot of prior thought has been given to them?
10. After reading Matthew 5:28, why do you think Jesus equates lusting after someone who's not your spouse to committing adultery? Why are our thoughts significant?
11. Do you agree with what Scott said about the clothing women wear and the impact it can have on men in terms of lust?
12. What are some of the messages that pornography communicates about women? About the sexual relationship between a man and a woman? Contrast that with what God says about women and men, and how sex is designed to work.
13. What are some of the ways we protect and nurture lust instead of getting rid of it?
14. Read Matthew 5:29-30. If Jesus did NOT mean for us to actually cut off body parts, what was he trying to communicate?
15. What are some obvious steps we can take to begin "killing" lust?

Challenge:

1. What in your life needs to be brought into the light? The thing that you are:
 - a. Spending time hiding
 - b. Spending time managing
 - c. Spending time minimizing / justifying

