

NOTE: For groups with men and women, please meet in separate rooms for discussion of the WayPoint questions for this week.

The WayPoint: From my mind to the deed. Lust kills - love builds.

Essential Verse: *I will ponder the way that is blameless. Oh when will you come to me? I will walk with integrity of heart within my house. Psalm 101:2*

Opening Prayer: Use this prayer or open with a prayer of your own.
Lord, we love You, and we thank You for this group You have brought together. Help each of us to grow in our relationship with You and with one another. We ask You to guide our time together and to help us see our need for Jesus every day. Amen.

Get Conversation Started:

What is your favorite local (ok, ok...local means within 60 miles) restaurant?

What stood out to you from your Bible reading and the weekend message this past week?

Defining Terms:

Adultery - the pursuit of physical and/or emotional intimacy with someone(s) outside of your marriage.

Lustful - the craving of a desire you want for your flesh, your sight, or your pride that is outside of God's provision for you. (1 John 2:16)

Bible Study Focus:

Focus on the following passages from the Reading Plan. Ask for volunteers to read the passages, while the rest of the group follows along. Then, discuss the biblical truths below.

Read Matthew 6:27-28. *Why is Jesus equating "lustful intent" with the act of adultery? Who and/or what is Jesus confronting with this teaching?*

Read Matthew 6:29-30. *In this somewhat confusing passage, why is Jesus using exaggeration (hyperbōlē) as a teaching tool?*

Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. *Why is lust and sexual sin a "sin against your own body"? What relationships are damaged by this kind of sin and in what ways?*

Read Psalm 73:21-26. *What connection do you find between being "embittered/pricked in heart and acting out in lustful ways? How does this psalm provide the solution or way out of the underlying or root problems that can result in lustful thoughts or actions?*

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For you, what triggers lustful temptation(s)? What is at the root, for you, that can lead to lust, coveting, or selfishness?

When are you the most vulnerable to lustful thoughts/actions?

How, specifically, are you fleeing lust, which destroys, and pursuing purity, which builds up?

How would you counsel a friend who struggles with guilt over this area of sin?

How will you encourage one another in pursuing God's best in purity?

Your Concerns:

What are your biggest concerns for the week ahead?

God Moments:

Where have you seen God at work in, through, or around you in the previous week?

Prayer:

Lift up the concerns shared, and ask God to guide us to love and serve Him and others, so that He may be praised in all things.