

# Going Deeper

Your weekly guide to understanding God with others

## Jesus Says - Week 4

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### Introduction

The culture in which we live regards sex as simply a physical transaction. In reality, sex is much more than that. It has spiritual, emotional, psychological and relational dimensions, too. With this fuller understanding, Jesus shared on the Sermon on the Mount that sex needs boundaries, and that even *thinking* lustfully about a person who is not your spouse can have lasting consequences.

### Bible Passage

Matthew 5:27-31

### Discussion

1. We live in a sex-saturated society where sexualised images are used to sell everything. What impact do you see this having on you personally? Has this changed over time?
2. Read Matthew 5:27-30. Jesus uses hyperbolic language to emphasis the level of alertness needed to guard our hearts against the pathway of adultery (v 28-30). Why does he do this? How do you understand this emphasis?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 6:15-18. Why is sexual sin placed on a different impact level to other sin? Do you agree with this? Why or why not?
4. One of the greatest challenges to the current generation is the proliferation and accessibility of pornography. How can we best support one another to withstand this exposure?

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5. What traits do we need to develop now in our children to prepare them for our sex-saturated society? How can we best do this?

## **Respond**

While we may feel limited in what we can do to change the culture of a sex-saturated environment, we are called to be a light in a dark place and to stand up for what is right.

What is one way that we are able to demonstrate the love of Jesus in this area?

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