"Sanctified Sexuality" Group Guide

Series: The Curriculum Passage: Matthew 5:27-32 Speaker(s): Pastor Ryan Paulson Date: September 29, 2024

ICEBREAKER:

Did you ever have an imaginary friend when you were younger? Share about it with the group.



(Every week in these studies, we will ask questions about the Scriptures that try to help us Discover the unique Way of Jesus that is found in the text.)

- 1. Read Matthew 5:27-32 in multiple translations including *The Message* paraphrase. What catches your attention?
- 2. What words are repeated in this passage? Why do you think He does this?
- 3. Do you think Jesus really meant for a person to cut off the appendages that cause them to sin? Why or why not?

Forming His Heart

(This is the part of the study where we work on our hearts. "How does my character need to grow and change because of this passage?")

- 4. Why is Jesus focused on our thought life?
- 5. How often do you recognize that your thoughts might lead you to sin?
- 6. Who in your life who has modeled faithfulness? How has this impacted you?

Joining His Mission

(This is the part of the study that we ask, "What would God want us to do because of this passage?")

7. Jesus focuses on sexual lust, but what other temptations might you need to guard themselves against?