



deovox group study guide

Sex put right: Matthew 5.27-30

1. You can sell almost anything with the word “sex.” Why do you think this is?

2. When it reads, “look at a woman lustfully,” the grammar communicates the sense of looking at the woman *with the aim of desiring her*. Why is this important to remember? How does it affect our understanding of lust, and how it ensnares us?

3. So, you can gouge and cut and hack away at your body all you like, you’re not going to change the heart. Jesus is interested in the transformation of the heart. In relation to lust itself, what kind of transformation is he working to produce in a Christian’s heart? **OR** Are the verses on cutting off hands and gouging out eyes to do with encouraging self-discipline? If so, how do they challenge you?

4. And when we lust, we treat another as flesh to be used, not as a person to be known. Let alone a person beloved by God. Which is why pornography is so enormously destructive. What are the effects of lust? On the person lusting, and on the person who is the focus of that lust?

5. Marriage: A metaphor so powerful it’s used of Christ and his church, and God and his people, Israel. What is true intimacy? What is intimacy between two people? Between humans and God?