



**August 6, 2023**  
**Gospel of the Kingdom - Lust**

**Matthew 5:27-30**

**Summary – Every good and perfect gift comes from the Father. Humanity has taken these good gifts and instead of enjoying them, we have abused them. Sex is one such gift that we have turned into lust and Jesus says it turns the gift into a living hell. His solution is to cut off any avenue that opens our lives toward lust.**

**Scripture – Matthew 5:27-30; SOS 7:7-8, 5:11-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4; Romans 1:16**

**Community Group Questions**

- What was most significant to you about Sunday's teaching?
- "The current view of sex in our culture: sex is everything; it is our identity. The Kingdom view of sex: it is a gift; one man, one woman inside the bond of marriage."
- "Sex is never just fun, it will either take you to heaven or hell."
- Why was Jesus addressing men in Matthew 5:27-30?
- "If your phone or computer is causing you to sin, smash it!" Why is it important to be careful what you feed your brain?
- "The Christian attitude does not mean that there is anything wrong about sexual pleasure, any more than about the pleasure of eating. It means that you must not isolate that pleasure and try to get it by itself, any more than you ought to try to get the pleasures of taste without swallowing and digesting, by chewing things and spitting them out again." - C.S. Lewis. Discuss the difference between love and lust?
- What's the spiritual significance in honoring your spouse's words?
- How does marriage keep the value of sex high?