

Thornbury Baptist Church
Matthew Teaching Series

Small Group Discussion Questions

Talk Date: 26th of January 2025

Talk title: From Look to Lust: Stopping the Slide

Passage: Matthew 5:27-30

Speaker: David Lawrence

Discussion Questions

- What stood out to you in the talk and why?

- In this passage, Jesus continues to train his disciples for a distinctively Christian lifestyle. Do you think the issues Jesus should form part of training for discipleship today? If so, how can the subject best be approached?

- David talked about five 'tactics' for halting the slide from looking at someone, to lusting after them. Discuss each one and evaluate its usefulness.
 - Reframe your relationships (1 Timothy 5:1,2).
 - Remember whose you are (1 Corinthians 6:15-20).
 - Remove the poison (Job 31:1)
 - Recruit support (James 5:16)
 - Ring-fence sex (Hebrews 13:4)

- Are there any other 'tactics' that you think should be on the list?

- David explained that 'hell' (Gehenna = Old Testament 'Valley of Hinnom') was a real place associated with great evil, the loss of God's approval and with destruction (Jeremiah 19:1-6). It's not just sexual sin that, according to Jesus, leads us to that place (Matthew 5:22).
 - Why is sexual sin so corrosive of our relationship with God?
 - Is there a danger in viewing sexual sin more seriously than other sins?

Takeaway

What is the main thing each person is taking away from this discussion?

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