

## Through His Eyes – Week #6

**Pray First!** This is another topic that can be hard to talk about or hit close to home for many. As always, ask the Holy Spirit to lead and guide your discussion and that you'll have a healthy balance of grace and truth as you discuss.

As always, the video portion of the small group time is not the complete message. I'd encourage you, if you didn't get to see the whole message, check it out at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uT\\_sP5hUdyA&t=3902s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uT_sP5hUdyA&t=3902s)

To open his message (before we tune in for our small group time) Pastor Tim shared a quote. "Truth without grace is ugly. Grace without truth is sentimental and cowardly. The Living Christ is full of grace and truth." We want to be like Christ. How do you see the truth of that quote playing out in the world today?

When you think of a fire, consider the good qualities of it. Then think of the devastating qualities of it. . . In the fireplace, the fire is a beautiful thing. But outside of the fireplace, it can ravish your home and be devastating. That's what our sexual nature is like. It's designed to be enjoyed in the right context – in the bounds of a marriage between one man and one woman.

**Read Ephesians 5:3.** There are a lot of things that fall under "sexual immorality". Talk about what a biblical view of this would be.

### Watch the Video

- Share anything that stood out to you in today's video.
- The creation of the internet and smart phones changed who has access to sexual content and the ease in which we have access to it. How do you think it's affected our lives, marriages, and walk with the Lord? Why?
- It's so easy to drift away from God honoring boundaries. Pastor Tim gave us 3 places to focus in order to create a battle plan to live within God's best plan for our sexual nature. Those three things are:
  - Eyes – Job made a covenant with his eyes. Be proactive, bounce your eyes, and take every thought captive to Christ! Retrain your eyes!
  - Mind – every time sexual content is viewed it lays new tracks in your mind. \*Romans 12:2. Spend time in the WORD, in prayer, in worship. Get in a small group and have an accountability partner!
  - Heart – This is our inner-most being. We must not let our hearts be re-directed away from our spouse – that's what happens when we view sexual content. We rob or steal what is rightfully our spouses.
- Talk about each of those areas of your life and how you can safeguard them in a God honoring way.
- What are other thoughts you have on the consumption of sexual content and how it impacts life.

**Close in Prayer** – ask God to help us to live lives that honor HIM in every area of our lives – including our sexual nature.

**For more during the week:**

- Job 31
- I Corinthians 7
- Proverbs 5:18-19a