

— **UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM** | *THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT*

WEEK 5- LOVE, LUST AND LIBERATION

Matt. 5:27-30

1. LUST IS NOT THE SAME AS SEXUAL DESIRE
2. LUST IS AN IMPERSONAL DESIRE
3. LUST IS AN INORDINATE DESIRE

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of this past Sunday's teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. This week, Pastor Ryan said that, for most people, the Christian view of sex is one of the most unattractive aspects of the Christian worldview. In your experience, what do you believe the world thinks about the Christian view of sex? Did you ever have similar feelings? After hearing this message, do you believe the world has it right?
3. One of the main ideas this week was that "Lust is not the same as sexual desire." From what we heard on Sunday from the Sermon on the Mount, how is lust different than sexual desire? Why is it important to know the difference?
4. One of the main ideas this week was that "Lust is an inordinate desire." This means that lust isn't only sexually fantasizing about someone else. If you look to another person to be for you and do for you what only God can be and do for you, then you are lusting. Have you ever looked to someone else to provide the joy, hope, peace, safety, love, salvation etc. that only God can provide? How does that impact your relationship with that person?
5. The example of Joseph responding to Potiphar's wife in Gen. 39 is a perfect illustration for what Jesus says in Matt. 5:29-30 about responding to lust. Joseph saw lust for what it was and he also did everything he could to get away from it. What are some things that can help us see lust for what it really is? What are some wise behavioral choices that can help keep you away from temptation?
6. What do you find significant about Jesus being described as a "bridegroom" and the church being described as His "bride" throughout scripture?
7. Don't forget about our opportunity to help "Fill the Pantry" of the Anne Arundel County Food Bank. You can make a difference by picking up a few items off of the pantry shopping list (you can find that here: severn.cc/fill-the-pantry) and dropping off your items on the front porch of our church building. Let's live generously!