

Made For More - Week 6 Message Discussion Questions

Introduction:

This week Matt continues our series called Made for More. During this series we are looking at seven lies that the enemy fires our way to keep us from being all God created us to be. This week Matt talks about the lie of Lust.

Do you struggle with Lust? Have you convinced yourself that a little fantasy, a little indulgence, isn't really hurting anyone? Have you accepted the lie of the enemy that you can't control your desires, that you're just wired this way, or that secrecy will keep you safe?

Questions:

Lust

Reflection on Scripture and Temptation

- 1. Pastor Matt emphasized that temptation itself is not sin, but what we do with it matters. How do you see this truth playing out in your own life and in the lives of those around you?
- 2. James reminds us that "God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone." Why do you think it's important to recognize that God is never the source of our temptations?

The Four Stages of Lust

- 3. Pastor Matt described the Tantalize Stage as the moment something catches our attention. What are some practical ways we can recognize and redirect our attention before temptation takes root?
- 4. In the Plagiarize Stage, the enemy twists God's good gift of sex into something harmful. How can we

reclaim and celebrate God's design for sexuality in a culture that often distorts it?

- 5. The Customize Stage shows that temptation is often tailored to each person's weaknesses. What are some ways you have noticed the enemy trying to "customize" temptation in your own life?
- 6. Pastor Matt warned that the Vandalize Stage leads to guilt, shame, and brokenness. Why do you think lust carries such strong feelings of secrecy and shame, and how can we as a group support one another in breaking free from that?

Spiritual Battle and Practical Responses

- 7. Pastor Matt said Satan doesn't practice "catch and release" but wants to destroy us. How does understanding the spiritual battle behind lust change the way you approach it?
- 8. Job 31:1 says, "I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully." What might a modern-day covenant with our eyes look like in the context of social media, movies, or daily life?
- 9. 1 Corinthians 10:13 promises that God always provides a way of escape. Can you share a time when you've experienced God's "way out" in the midst of temptation?

Hope and Transformation

10. Pastor Matt closed with the question: "Are you flying toward the blue light of lust or toward the light of the world?" What are some specific steps you can take this week to turn toward the light of Christ and live in purity?

Summary:

Pastor Matt's message from James 1 explores how lust follows a predictable pattern: it begins by tantalizing, then is plagiarized by the enemy, customized to our weaknesses, and ultimately vandalizes our lives with shame and brokenness. He stresses that temptation itself isn't sin, but acting on it is, and the enemy uses lies to ensnare us. The message closes with hope—God always provides a way out, and through His power, we can pursue purity and the abundant life we were made for.