

Round 4 –Moral Madness

•**Margin** is the amount available beyond what is necessary. What is some baggage you need to let go of right now?

How have you seen your life or the life of someone you know impacted by sexual sin?

Read James 1:13-15.

The pattern of sin is described in this passage. First, we are enticed and tempted by our own sinful nature and then that temptation leads to sin and all its consequences.

- Why do you think sexual sin is such an easy trap for most people to fall into?
- In what ways does the world's view of morality conflict with God's view?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 and Ephesians 5:1-6.

Paul instructs us to not only flee from sexual immorality, but that there should not be any hint of immorality in our lives.

- What are some of the defenses and safeguards you have in place that help put distance between you and sin?
- In what areas of your life are you lacking moral margin? How can you go about creating that margin?

Read Romans 6:12-14.

In these verses, Paul tells us that we should not give in to sin with our bodies, but rather offer our bodies to God as instruments of righteousness.

- God has called us to a higher standard when it comes to morality. Describe how you have been able to live up to that standard and how difficult it can be striving to live up to that standard.
- How can people such as your small group, friends, family, or spouse help you in living a life with moral margin?

Prayer Tips

Use these prayer tips to guide your time with God this week:

- Confess to God in prayer any areas of immorality that you are struggling with. Ask for His help and deliverance.
- Ask God to help you in defending yourself against immorality in your life.
- Ask God in prayer for strength in guarding yourself from impure thoughts.
- Pray and ask God to reveal to you those areas in your life where you need moral margin. Ask Him to help you achieve it.
- Pray for those you know who are dealing with sexual sin and its aftermath. Ask God to comfort them and deliver them.

Next Steps

Here are some specific things you can do this week to take a step toward living life with the margin God intends for your life.

If you are struggling with pornography, visit www.xxxchurch.com. This ministry offers great support and recovery programs for those addicted to pornography, as well as accountability software for computers and iPhones. You can also find the accountability software that Trent will be using with many leaders at www.covenanteyes.com.

If you are struggling with any type of sexual sin, God is offering you a chance to get free. Seek help this week from a professional counselor, pastor, friend, family member, or accountability partner. Allow them to help you find the assistance you need in dealing with your sin and in finding ways to guard against that temptation in the future.