

Sermon Questions

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Series: Body for God

Scripture: Luke 11:33-36

Speaker: James Allison

Title: Talk #2 – What you see is what you get

****** These questions are designed as a starting place for your facilitation. We encourage you to look through the sample questions and modify them to your specific group. These questions are not meant to be a comprehensive list but rather a grid to help you start thinking through the talk and how you think your group may have responded towards it. These questions will work better if you have taken notes of specific quotes, ideas and questions from what was said.******

What do you think?

- Re-read through the following passages James preached through.
 - Luke 11:33-36
 - Mark 9:47
- What stood out to you from the scripture or from what James said? Why do you think that was a significant thing for you personally?

What are you feeling?

- **IDEA FOR LEADER:** Depending on how close your group is at this point it may be a good opportunity to split the men and women up to have this conversation. This is not just due to the pornography epidemic but simply because men and women receive images differently. Classically, for women, images will shape their feelings of self identity and, for men, images will affect what they want to consume.
 - If you do split up than the individual leader should come up with proprietary questions based on relational dynamics of the group.
- As you look back over the years of your life, how do you feel that the things you have seen continue to affect you today? (This could include abuse, childhood wounds, pornography, death, thanks that have shaped your security or insecurity...)
- James laid out the contrast between fixing your eyes on worldly things verses on Jesus. He talked about financial issues, marriage issues... Talk about how the things you see shape the focus of your life today.

What will you do?

- The simple application was “Look at the things that honor God and don’t look at things that don’t honor God.”
 - Does that feel easy or impossible for you?
 - What sort of things or behaviors could be changed this week to help you change focus?
- How could this group encourage each other to live out the principles James laid out through the Scripture.
 - What comes through our eyes impacts our perspective on all of life
 - What comes through our eyes impacts our sensitivity to truth
 - The best way to understand darkness is to walk in light
- Don’t forget to pray for each other.