Lust
Discussion Questions

1. Why is the christian sex ethic criticised today? Do you believe some of these criticisms yourself?[1]

2. Look at **Titus 3:3**. What do you think it means to be a slave to passion or pleasure? How might this work out in someone's life?

3. How does lust dim our view of beauty and damage our ability to love?[2]

4. Look at **Philippians 4:8**.

    Why is recalibrating our thinking around what is pure, lovely and commendable going to be a crucial step in breaking the habits of lust?

    How might we do what Paul is suggesting in v8?

5. Read **1 Corinthians 6:18-20**:
    How would you summarise what Paul is saying?

    How does what we do with our physical bodies help form our characters (for good or bad)?

6. If we follow disordered desire, what sort of person will we become over time?

7. Do you think your community - friends in and out of church, church itself - helps you rightly handle sexual desires or not? How about wider society?[3]

8. Look again at **1 Corinthians 6:11**. Why might those who know the power of lust on their lives particularly need to hear Paul's words?

    What do they tell us about our true identity in Christ?

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[1] The Way of Wisdom, Keller, 159.

[2] Glittering Vices 2nd ed, DeYoung, 215.

[3] ibid, 215-6.