**The Word on Pornography**

Questions:

(1) Why do you think God put such strict boundaries around our sexuality?

(2) What is it about pornography that may be harmful to us?

(3) Does lust or pornography draw you closer to God? Why?

Farmer - Lamb - Wolves – Fences. Why? Protection

If God is the farmer, who is the lamb, wolves, fences?

God has strict boundaries (fences) around the area of our sexuality:

Marriage/Adultery No Sex B/F Marriage

No Same-Sex Relationships No Lusting

Why? God wants to protect us

1. Porn is Addictive: Like alcohol/drugs

2. Porn is Unfulfilling: Quick arousal/Sexual release/One fix is never enough

3. Porn is Harmful: To relationships – people and God.

“When lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death" (James 1:15).

What can we do if we are struggling with Porn?

1. Self-Denial. Try avoid porn = shame/guilt = move away from God.

2. Self-Control. Taking control of ourselves = move towards righteousness:

A. Face the Problem. Honesty is the start!

B. Check your Heart. Causes? Wounds, failure, emptiness = Repent - healing.

C. Learn to Love. Love God, people, yourself = destructive lust will diminish!

Challenge: Avoid things that pull us away from God = Lust after God

“You don’t spend the rest of your lives chasing your own desires, but you are anxious to do the will of God. You have had enough in the past of the evil things that godless people enjoy - their immorality and lust, their feasting and drunkenness and wild parties, and their terrible worship of idols.” (1 Peter 4:2-3)

"We are half-hearted creatures fooling about with drink and sex and ambition when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mudpies in the slums because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased.” (C.S. Lewis)