Courageous Choices: Overcoming Pornography Pastor Mike Watson May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## Life Group Discussion Questions:

- 1. Pastor Mike stated that Jesus, "Loves so much that He's always willing to address everything...the tough stuff." Begin this session with a prayer to the Father for help to have the courage to discuss this uncomfortable topic.
- 2. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there a particular point or passage that challenged you, confused you, or caught your attention?
- Consider looking up some of the following Scripture. Discuss how they relate to battling pornography: Mark 7:21, 1 John 2:16-17, Job 31:1, Romans 13:11-14, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8.
- 4. The first part of this week's "Big Idea" said, "Lust is a deadly poison." How have you seen that to be true?
- 5. Sex not only sells, but it is an easy access product, thanks to the internet. So what are some safe guards that Christians can put in place to avoid this temptation for themselves? For their families?
- What truth does the followers of Jesus need to remember when we hear the following concepts: (1) God is okay with it, (2) It isn't hurting anyone, (3) I can still have a valid faith life.
- 7. How would the guilt and shame of sexual sin affect your worship, prayer life, time in the Word, ministry, and relationships?
- 8. The last point of the "Next Steps" said, "Don't do this alone." Why was that point made and how can your Life Group be a support?
- 9. Read the following verses: Galatians 5:1, 2 Corinthians 3:17, Galatians 2:4, John 8:36, Romans 8:2

**Prayer:** Have group members follow the "ACTS" prayer method in relation to the struggle we all have with sin.

- ADORATION: praise God for His goodness and His love for us
- CONFESSION: acknowledge the many opportunities for lust in this world and our weakness
- THANKSGIVING: thank God for the power of Jesus to lead us to sexual purity
- SUPPLICATION: ask God to expose the sin of lust in our lives

Memory Verse: Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life. Proverbs 4:23