



Conversations- Week 4

ADULT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**GROUP PREP**

In preparation for group, [watch Emmanuel's weekend service message](#), then answer the following discussion questions.

SOCIAL TIME (15-30 minutes)

Have an ice-breaker ready, eat a snack together, and/or go around the circle asking your group members to share any news since your last meeting, if your group is continuing from last semester. Be intentional in helping your group members get to know one another during this time and make it fun.

Ice-Breaker suggestion: Play the game [Bag o' Questions](#).

CHECK-IN TIME (15-30 minutes)

Talk about what you did last week to complete your action step.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (45-60 minutes)

Who gets to decide what is right and wrong? When it comes to our sexuality, morals, or response to stress, who decides the correct way to act and behave? Today, we live in a world that encourages us to decide for ourselves. But God has a higher calling for us. He provides us with absolute truth that we can come to for every area of our life. This week we are continuing our series of hard conversations as we discover God's truth, love, and grace in some of the most difficult topics in our world today.

1. Pornography is defined as any material or behavior intended to cause sexual excitement. This means you don't have to visit a pornographic website to consume pornographic content. Prior to this weekend's message, how would you have defined pornography?

How do you see evidence of pornographic content in our 'everyday' world?

2. [Read Proverbs 4:23](#) and [1 Corinthians 6:18](#). In our culture today, porn is a completely accepted practice. As believers, it is so important we change our mindset and guard our hearts in relationship to pornography to evade becoming desensitized to its existence.

Think about the TV shows you watch, your social media feed, the books you read, the way you engage in conversations with people of the opposite sex, etc. How do you respond when something inappropriate crosses your path?



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3. Pornography is effective because it creates and causes pleasure, but it is short term pleasure for a long-term pain. Pornographic content leaves us misinformed on what to expect in a healthy sexual relationship.

How has your expectations about sex been impacted by the content you have consumed? How do you think your expectation differs from what God has designed sex to be?

4. There is no room for shame when we choose to love like Jesus. [Read 1 John 1:9](#) and [1 John 2:-2](#).

If you are currently consuming pornography or struggling with the sin of sexual immorality: Aaron challenges us in the message to:

- Flee from the temptation to sin through pornographic content
- Get accountability
- Strip off the weight of shame and step into the truth that Jesus died to deliver you from your sin, including this sin.

Which of these are the next steps for you to stop worshiping the created thing instead of the creator?

If you do not struggle with pornography or sexual immorality: How can you be a trusted partner to the people in your life who do struggle in this area? What do you need to do to continue to protect your heart from the temptation of sexual immorality?

ACTION STEP (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the following or create your own. Consider finding an accountability partner within your group to walk alongside you this week.

- **Seek Counsel:** If you have more questions about this hard conversation, connect with your Emmanuel Campus Pastor to discuss those questions at eclife.org/staff.
- **Find Resources:** Join [Celebrate Recovery](#) every Tuesday Night at Emmanuel Church Greenwood Campus. Visit XXXchurch.com or Fightthenewdrug.org.
- **Connect to the Creator:** Spend intentional time this week in prayer or meditate over scripture.
- **Journal:** Consider journaling each day noticing how often pornographic content crosses your path and how you respond to it.
- **Daily time with God:** Determine the type of routine you'd like to have that allows you to spend time learning about what pleases God. Here are some ways to do this:



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- [Download the Emmanuel app](#) and read the One Year New Testament daily.
- [Download the YouVersion app](#) and find a devotion you can do daily. You can even decide to do one as a group to encourage one another as you do the daily readings.
- If you recently placed your faith in Christ and texted SAVED to 65248, read the devotional provided in your starter kit.

PRAYER (5-10 minutes)

Ask your group to share two things

1. Prayer requests for themselves and the people in their lives.
2. Ask also for any reason to praise, it is great to come to God in thanksgiving for all He has done.

Keep note of the burdens in people's life and notice when God moves in those areas specifically. We believe God will see prayers become praise and it is an opportunity to increase our faith when we are in the position to bring that to light.

GROUP SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

To determine how your group can serve together in the surrounding community, email Breanne De Avila, Emmanuel's Associate Outreach Director, at bschafer@eclife.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 16 | Groups End

April 16 & 17 | Easter Weekend

You can find more information on all of these events at eclife.org.