SEXUALITY

1 Images of God

Our sexual longings symbolize the experience of being incomplete. A sexual encounter at best provides a momentary taste of what we were created to experience for eternity.

— Juli Slattery

Define gnosticism:

universe is divided into matter and spirit

matter (the world we live in, the bodies we have) is bad

spirit is good and can be trusted

How does knowing Jesus was fully human shift how we think about our own sexuality?

2 The Disconnect

In short, the problem with pornography is not that it shows too much of the person, but that it shows far too little.

— Pope John Paul II

How do you think our culture would change if we stopped reducing people down to just the way they look? [Write what the other person said.]

Other than the Bible, what are the top 3 best-selling books from 2010 - 2020?

#1 50 Shades of Gray

#2 50 Shades Darker

#3 50 Shades Freed

What makes them so popular?

3 The Ghost of Purity Culture

But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell.

— Matt. 5:27-29

What's the difference between desire and lust?

ἐπιθυμέω epithimeo

[write the pronunciation]

The same Greek word used in the 10th Commandment, "Thou shalt not covet."

4 The Signpost

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually sins against their own body.

— 1 Cor.6:18

If we received the good gift of sexuality from God, why would he want us to limit it?

Draw a line between each neurochemical and its attributes:

Dopamine

Oxytocin

Epinephrine

energy/excitement

success/triumph

"bonding chemical"

adrenaline