



Rock Bridge Small Group Discussion Guide  
**Habits, Vices & Sins, Oh My! - Part 2**  
**LEADER GUIDE**

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS: - Remember Prayer is your greatest preparation!**

Your group's success depends less on you than you might think and more on God than you realize. It's not about your abilities, your personality traits, or getting extensive training. It is about what Jesus said:

*"I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me."* [John 15:5]

**So pray, and trust God to do great things in your group!**

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**Leader Special Instructions:**

Due to the specific nature of the struggle of lust, this may be a great time for your group to break up and separate men from women. It is your call, but most people will feel more open to sharing with the same sex.

**Ice Breaker:** (Choose one)

- \*What was your first date like with your spouse, or with a current boyfriend/girlfriend?
- \*What was one of your most memorable first date experiences?

**Into the Word:**

\*In your own words, how would you define the sin of Lust?

Read Matthew 5:27-29

a) What does this verse indicate about our thought lives? How real are they to our spiritual health?

b) Many people today feel that Jesus will easily forgive them and that everything is "covered by the cross." While that is partially true, what does this passage seem to indicate about Jesus' view of this sin?

Read I Corinthians 6:9-11

c) Knowing that we as Christians still fail and "sin" even as forgiven children of God, what does it mean that those *labeled as listed* will not inherit the Kingdom of God? What does that mean?

Leader help: Those who *do not fight* their sin have given themselves over to it and it now defines their nature. That is who the passage is talking about. Those who fight and resist their sin in the process of sanctification PROVE that they are God's children, and are those who have stepped into salvation.

d) In your own words, what does the process of sanctification look like to you?

**Apply the Word:**

e) What was your favorite "takeaway" in the message for battling lust in your life?

f) Read through the five questions from the message. Which one convicted you the most as the one you needed to think about? (The questions are listed)

- 1) Do I believe that God wants more & best for me?
- 2) What/Who is ultimate?
- 3) How do I "see" other people?
- 4) Do I understand/have I accepted my calling?
- 5) Do I believe God rewards purity (Matthew 5:8)?

g) What do you hope to change in the coming days when it comes to lust? What is your goal from this day forward?

**Prayer:**

Pray for each other in the group, for God to give each one the strength to overcome lust and live free. Pray specifically for the goals listed in question 'g'.

**Also join us in praying for our big prayer asks listed here:**

- *For our church to be evangelistic - with the result of 400 baptisms this year.*
- *That we would continue forward in being a church depending on God through prayer.*
- *For new people that came at Easter to come back and pursue Jesus.*