UPSTREAM

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Talk it over…with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

- There were several verses cited in this Sunday's sermon (Matthew 5:27-28, Colossians 1:5, 1 Corinthians 6:17-20, Ecclesiastes 2:11-12, Matthew 6:22-23, James 5:16). Note - It would very helpful to read the verses surrounding these verses to help pick up the context and nature of what the writer is saying.

- What do you think about where Jesus "drew the line" in describing sexual morality? Does this push you toward or pull you away from God? (See Mathew 5:27-28)

- Where do you "draw the line" as you think about sexual purity? Where does purity end and impurity begin?

- Joe said today that "fantasy" could be harmful to our souls. Do you agree or disagree? Why or why not?

- Think through and discuss (if appropriate) the hardest area for you to overcome as you swim upstream concerning purity?

- Why do you think that culture has become so much more permissive? Is this a step forward or a step back? Why or why not?

- Paul describes sexual sin as sin against one's own body. What do you think he means by that?

- We finished today talking about some possible steps toward moving from a cultural perspective on sex to a "Christ follower" perspective. What steps have been helpful to you as you have struggled or dealt with these issues?