

THE JOURNEY OF A GOOD REAL MAN

USING PORNOGRAPHY

<p>Describe the Issue</p>	<p>Many Khmer men view pornography as a normal part of their lives. This includes many married men who sometimes let their wives and children see it as well.</p>
<p>Define the Problem Create small groups After discussion ask for Group Feedback noting it on flipchart if appropriate</p>	<p>The attitude of many men to sexual relations is greatly influenced by pornography which promotes a degrading and unfaithful attitude to women. Frequent use can also lead to damaging results for family relationships.</p> <p>Split the participants into small groups (max 4) and ask them to list :</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">a) the reasons men use pornography b) the problems this causes to men.</p> <p>Feedback – ask for answers and then suggest any important ones they have missed e.g; a) Cambodian culture, friends, easily available, sexual arousal, addiction b) can lead to foolish/bad sexual behaviour, dissatisfaction with wife, conflict with unhappy wife, feeling sexually inadequate , damage to psychological health, children seeing it.</p>
<p>Scripture Teaching</p> <p>This is not to be intended to be used as a message to be delivered to the men. It is Bible information to give leaders confidence that they know enough about the subject to lead a discussion on it.</p> <p>This information may give ideas for more than one discussion</p>	<p>WHAT DOES THE BIBLE TEACH ABOUT THE ISSUE OF USING PORNOGRAPHY?</p> <p>1. Pornography is evil for 4 reasons;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> It is produced to make men sin and lust after other women, by showing sex acts outside of what God intended so that men will want to copy them. <input type="checkbox"/> It makes God’s gift of physical love into unloving and often perverted sexual acts separate from marital love. <input type="checkbox"/> Pornography always damages men by planting in their minds and memories sexual images of other women. It makes wives feel inadequate, rejected or disgusted. It never helps a married couple to love each other. <input type="checkbox"/> Makers of pornography exploit, abuse and degrade the people they use for their movies and photos. Many of these actors and models are trapped in prostitution, drug abuse, disease, despair and often die young. <p>SUGGESTION ask the men if they understand why and how pornography is evil</p> <p>2. Pornography did not exist in Bible times. But in other cultures then and more recently in countries like India, sexual pictures, statues and writings were common. They were part of their worship of false gods and idols and they encouraged many evil practices. God has always hated such things and always commanded His people to completely avoid or destroy them. Looking at pornography is really the same as worshipping the sexual idols of false religions. When people practiced such worship it would then lead them to impure behaviour. Their temples often had prostitutes there for men to have sex as part of their evil religious acts. This is why God told the Israelites to destroy every trace of such things when they entered the promised land.</p> <p>3. In the same way, when men buy pornography or spend time staring at it on the internet it can take control of their imagination and make them behave sinfully either with women or by themselves. Like many false religions, pornography corrupts the way how men think about women and sex and makes them impure.</p> <p>4. Pornography is one of the devil’s most powerful ways of making men sexually impure God wants us to reject and be free of all sexual immorality or impurity, in our actions and in our hearts. If we do not we will not inherit the Kingdom of God (Gal 5:19-21).</p> <p>5. Paul talks about sexual impurity in many of his letters because many believers struggled with this. He says: “Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” (1 Cor 6:18-20) The Lord Jesus paid a great price so that we could belong to Him. He now wants us to welcome the Holy Spirit into our hearts and bodies so that He can live there and make us new and pure.</p>

	<p>6. The Lord Jesus (Matt 5:27-30) uses very strong words to say that even looking at a woman lustfully is as bad as adultery. He then says that “if your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away, for it is better to lose one of your members than to let your whole body be thrown into hell.” Jesus is talking about what we look at, so this definitely applies to pornography. SUGGESTION ask the men what Jesus means by saying “tear your eye out” It means we must do <u>whatever is necessary</u> to remove such sin from our life</p> <p>7. The best way to remove this sin is to love God with all that we have and not love other things more. In a letter to teach believers, John writes, “ If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. (1 John 2:16). He explains that loving the things of the world makes us hungry for what we see and feel. If we seek money, possessions and pretty girls more than we seek God we will find it very hard to resist pornography. But if we love God first we will be lead us into a blessed life where there is no desire or place in our hearts for pornography.</p> <p>8. Paul also says (2 Tim 2:21)“If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honourable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work. If we stay away from sexual immorality and impurity, like pornography, God can really use us to reach, to bless and save other people.</p>
<p>Group Discussion See how this applies to Khmer men-note feedback on flipchart</p>	<p>This teaching is not followed by all Christian Khmer men or by most other men. Split the participants into small groups and ask them to list either or both:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> if Christian men have a problem with pornography, how can they be helped? how should this teaching be discussed with other Khmer men? <p>Feedback – ask for answers and then suggest any important ones they have missed <i>e.g; a) be truly committed to Christ and receive the Holy Spirit, avoid pornography (do not use computers when alone, tell friends you do not want it, read the Bible to fill the mind with pure truth) encourage & regularly pray with them. b) urge them to love their wives and not lust after other women, tell of the freedom from sin and shame that God gives, they will hate it if their daughter is in porn movies – that shows it is evil</i></p>
<p>Summarise How Good Real Men deal with this issue and how they can help friends and other Khmer men with this.</p>	<p>Today we have learned that men use pornography because***** , which causes problems such as: ***** , The answer for Christian men is ***** . Then we can share this truth with others. *(summarise the answers from the discussions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> # Good Real Men understand that only by letting Jesus reign in our heart can we be truly changed and set free from the power of pornography and the damage it causes # As Good Real Men we help each other by listening to and praying for each other. # Also we need to be humble enough to ask for help when we need it. None of us is perfect so Jesus has brought us together as brothers to help each other. # We don’t speak harshly to anyone who is struggling with pornography. We encourage them with the truth that God forgives us when we turn to Him. # We are good friends and keep things told privately to ourselves. If we need help with such a friend we may arrange to talk to our men’s group leader together. # We ask God to give us opportunities to talk with other Khmer men about God’s way to deal with pornography. Some may laugh at us when we talk about this but others will be glad we were a true friend and showed them the way to be helped
<p>Close and agree the next meeting and what you will do</p>	<p>If you pray - include personal commitment to, a) receive the power of the Spirit to please God (but not legalistic striving to be good) b) help each other c) seek opportunities to befriend others and share the truth with them.</p>



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