



## Session 5 Community Mapping: Confronting Demand Part 2 – In the Church and in Our Hearts

Last session we talked about confronting demand in the world, where the key is to shame sex buyers and provide consequences, but in the Church, the key to confronting demand is grace. We need to be especially careful - as Christians confronting the evils of sex trafficking - not to divide people into “bad guys” and “good guys.” According to the Gospel, we are all “bad guys.” It is only by the grace of God that we are saved, and we each still struggle with sin on a daily, hourly, moment-by-moment basis. Men and women who struggle with sexual addiction, pornography, and lust are no different. It is time to show grace, compassion, and love to each sex buyer, starting with those in the Church.

This is easier said than done. As a church body, we must first address our own pride issues so that we are able to come around those who admit their sex/porn addictions and help them through the power of grace rather than isolating them through shame. This attitude needs to begin with the leadership of the church, but it can’t stop there. A humble and gracious attitude toward all sinners needs to pervade the church.

Leaders in your church need to hear your passion for confronting demand in the Church. Most are already aware of the damaging effects of pornography on their congregation. For many, however, thinking about pornography and lust in the context of sex trafficking may be new. It is typically thought of as an issue relating to personal purity rather than a problem that is also perpetuating the sexual exploitation of women and children. Many leaders will welcome help in addressing such a well-known and damaging problem in their church.

Finally, the battle against demand must begin in each one of our hearts. We each battle with the temptation to sexual immorality, though each person’s struggle is different. We must remember who we are in Christ and find our satisfaction in Him each day. From that place of wholeness and grace, we can find victory against temptation and help our children, spouses, and accountability partners to find victory as well.

The community mapping homework is designed to be adapted for your individual or group’s needs. Each homework assignment is divided into smaller steps that can be done in a day (A), a week (B), or over a longer period of time (C).

This session, you will identify resources and ministries available both in your communities and around the world for people struggling with sexual or pornography addictions.

**Step A:** Do an internet search for available support groups in your area for people who are struggling with sexual or pornography addictions. Some support groups can be found with online locators, like the following:

- Celebrate Recovery: <http://www.celebraterecovery.com/>
- Pure Desire: <http://www.puredesire.org/home-english/>
- Sex Addicts Anonymous: <http://saa-recovery.org/>
- Sexual Recovery Institute: <http://www.sexualrecovery.com/>

- Sexaholics Anonymous: <http://www.sa.org/>

If you don't find any support groups online, don't despair! There may be some in your area that are not posted. Try Step B to find out more.

**Step B:** Meet with leaders in your church. This is another task to divide up among members of your church. It can also be helpful to coordinate with members of other churches in your area, so that resources and information can be shared. Choose one or two volunteers to talk to each of the following:

- Senior Pastor
- Men's Ministry Director/Pastor
- Women's Ministry Director/Pastor
- Youth Ministry Director/Pastor
- Counseling Pastor

Some talking points and questions:

- Available resources in your community or about the potential need for resources.
- Background on sex trafficking locally (use information from earlier sessions and homework).
- Connection between sex trafficking and pornography: For help in explaining this topic, read [The Connections Between Pornography and Sex Trafficking](#).
- The problem of pornography and the 5 "As" of Addiction:
  - Accessibility
  - Anonymity
  - Affordability
  - Aggressive
  - Addictive
- Statistics from this session's lesson (for more, see [Pornography Stats](#) from Covenant Eyes)
  - A 1996 Promise Keepers survey at one of their stadium events revealed that over 50% of the men in attendance were involved with pornography within one week of attending the event.
  - 51% of pastors say cyber-porn is a possible temptation. 37% say it is a current struggle (Christianity Today, Leadership Survey, 12/2001).
  - Over half of evangelical pastors admits viewing pornography last year.
  - 57% of pastors say that addiction to pornography is the most sexually damaging issue to their congregation (Christians and Sex Leadership Journal Survey, March 2005).
  - 34% of female readers of Today's Christian Woman's online newsletter admitted to intentionally accessing Internet porn in a recent poll (Today's Christian Woman, Fall 2003).
- How big of a problem do you think pornography is in our church? In your area of ministry?
- How big of a problem do you think lust is in our church? In your area of ministry?
- What resources (in the church and the community) are available
  - To help men/women stay pure from lust and pornography?
  - To help youth to stay pure from lust and pornography?
  - For those seeking help with pornography addiction?
  - For wives/husbands of porn/sex addicts?
  - For youth seeking help with pornography addiction? Men? Women?
- How are these resources implemented? How do people find out about them? How many people use them regularly?