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2025: The year of the uncomfortable church

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It's time to have uncomfortable conversations in the Church. Let's start with porn

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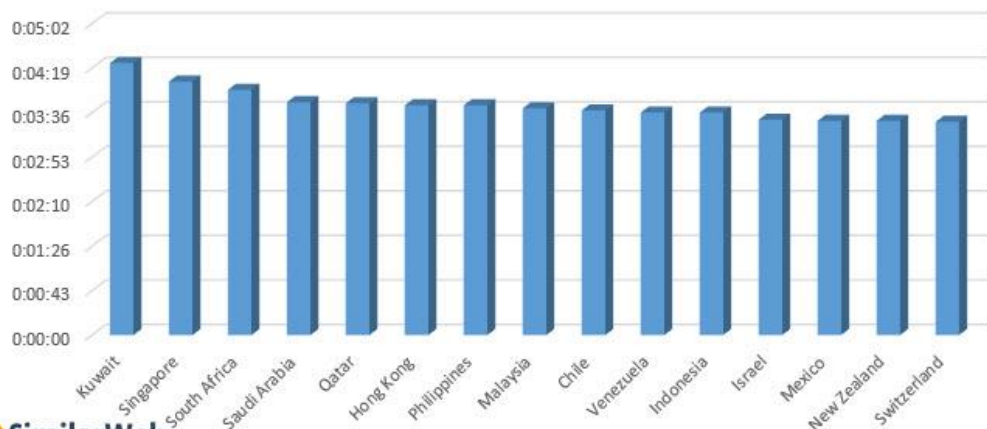
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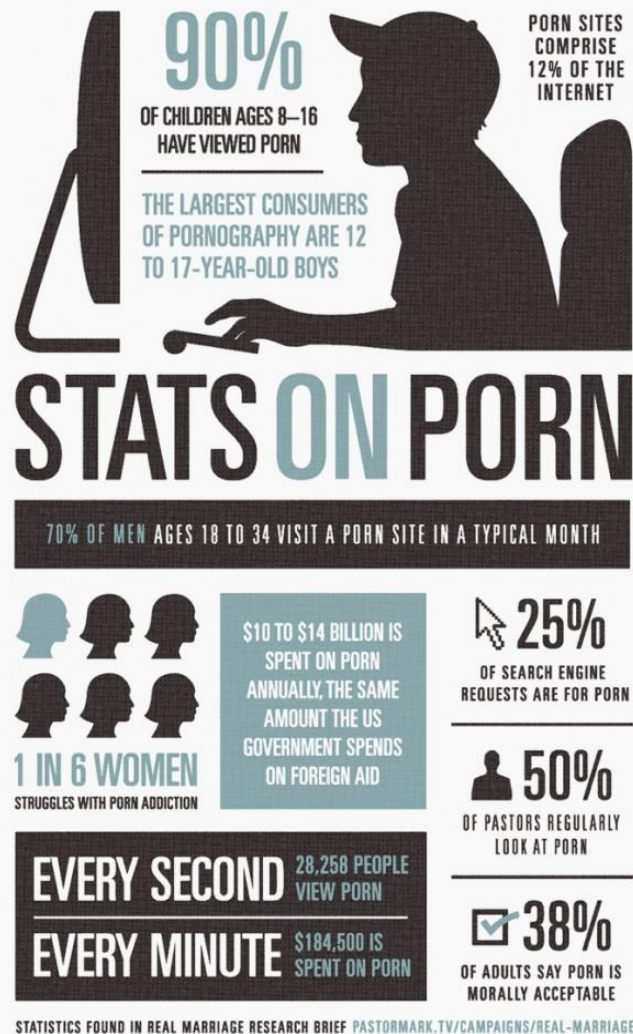
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Time spent on porn websites: SG is #2 worldwide



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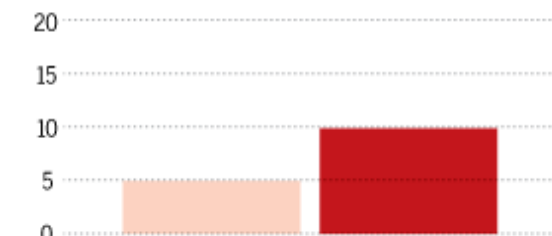


Porn and marriage

Men who started watching pornography partway through a 2-year period doubled their chances of divorce. For women, that number tripled.

Divorce rates, nonviewers (orange) | Divorce rates, new viewers (red)

Men



Women



Source: Samuel L. Perry



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Over Half of Practicing Christians Admit They Use Pornography



Beyond the Porn Phenomenon **Study by the Barna Group**

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54% of practicing Christians report consuming pornography at least occasionally, compared to 68% of non-Christians

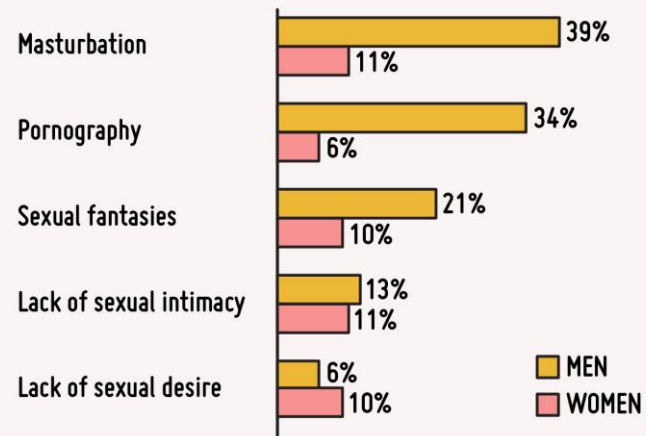
Many congregants want their church to address pornography. Just 10 percent of U.S. Christians and churched adults say their church offers programming to help those struggling with pornography. Meanwhile, over half (58%) say it's important to them that their church is addressing topics like pornography.

Singapore, we have a porn problem

Words by GABRIEL ONG

WHICH OF THESE SEXUAL ISSUES ARE YOU FACING NOW?

(Please select all options that apply)



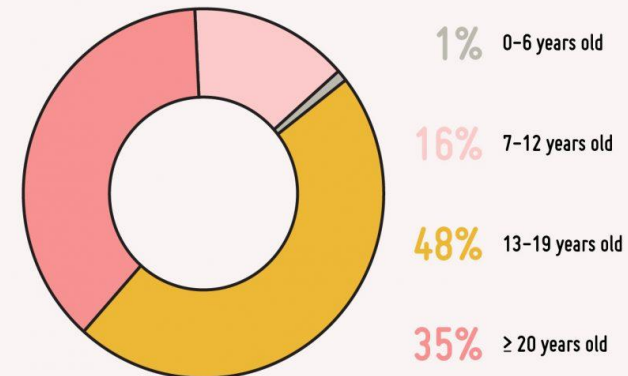
Source: Whole Life Inventory 2016–2018

HOW PREVALENT IS PORN USE IN THE SINGAPORE CHURCH?



Source: Whole Life Inventory 2016–2018

AT WHAT AGE DID YOU FIRST VIEW PORN?



Source: Whole Life Inventory 2016–2018

CELEBRATING
purity

RESTORING WHOLENESS

A Conversation on Porn, Identity & Healing



Dr Ng Liang Wei

Date: 30 August, Sat
Time: 9am – 11.30am
Venue: Hall 1 (Level 1)

In this workshop, we'll address:

- Why porn is addictive and its impact on relationships
- Steps to healing, freedom, and supporting others wisely



Register by 25 Aug



Celebrating Purity

PERSPECTIVES FROM SERMON ON THE MOUNT

SCOPE

- ▶ God's Kingdom Invades
- ▶ God's Power Enables
- ▶ God's Beauty Pervades
- ▶ God's People Surrounds: Interspersed

God's Kingdom Invades

- ▶ Context of Matthew:
- ▶ Understand The Nature of the Kingdom of God
- ▶ When the Kingdom of God gets into us, we get into the Kingdom of God
- ▶ How does the Kingdom of God get into us?

God's Kingdom Invades

- ▶ Matt 5:1-8: He sat down and His disciples came to Him
- ▶ Drawn by His Teachings and Person more than His Miracles
- ▶ Kingdom of God invades to Bring True Blessedness
- ▶ We need to Hunger and Thirst
- ▶ We need to be ... Pure and we shall see God

WHY PORN IS AN ISSUE

- ▶ It Distracts from True Blessedness
- ▶ It Subtracts from God's Designed Reality
- ▶ It Attracts **NEGATIVE** spiritual influences

Kingdom Invasion & Porn

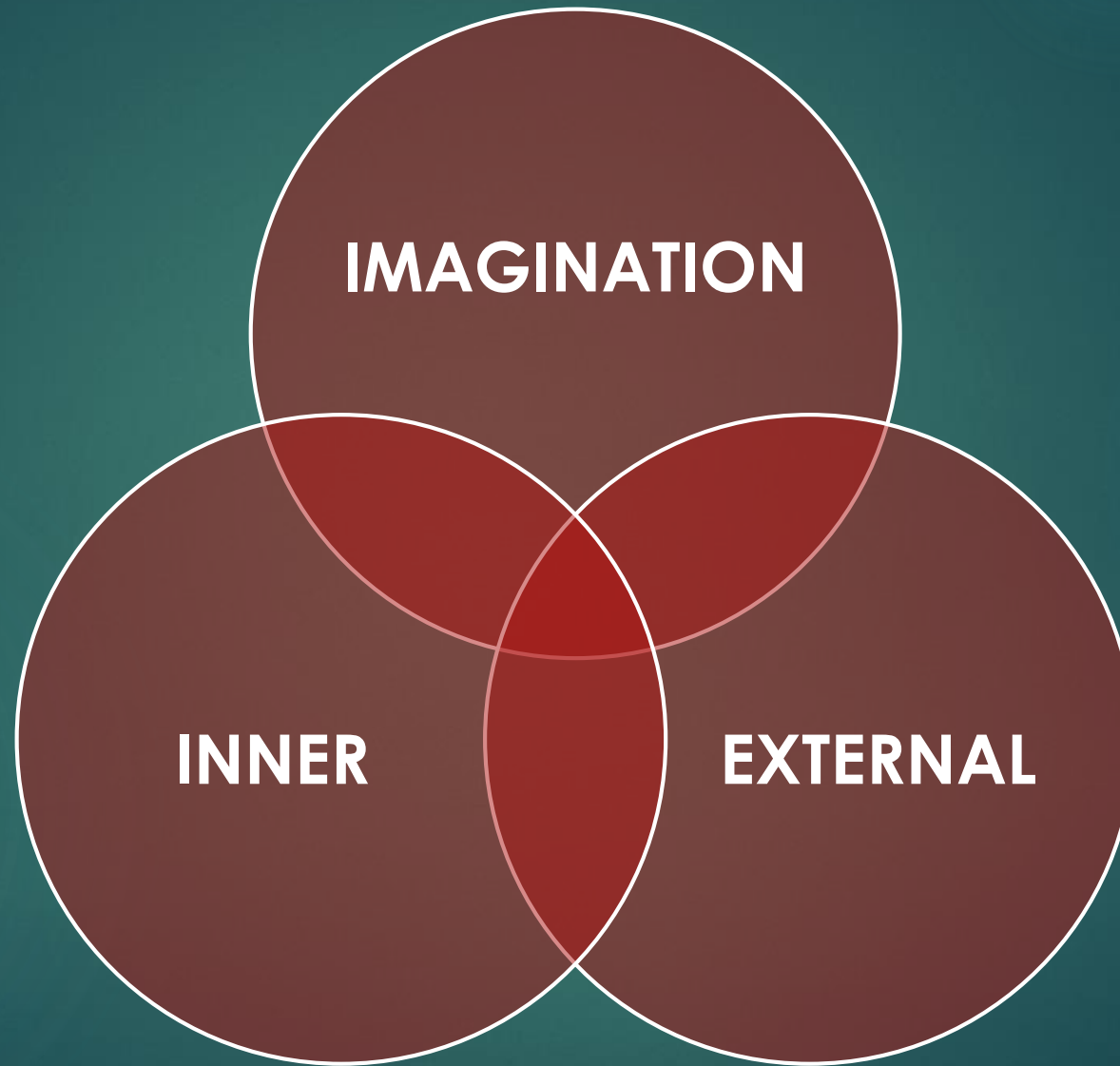
- ▶ Understand Porn has many functions and we need to acknowledge that
- ▶ Lead People to both understand and experience the tangibility of True Blessedness
- ▶ Understand that Snacking removes Thirst and Hunger for righteousness. And Righteousness truly satisfies

Kingdom Invasion and Porn

- ▶ Letting go of Current system of operating and pursuing wholeness and blessedness
- ▶ Beatitudes gives picture of wholistic change

God's Power Enables

- ▶ Looks with Lustful Intent equals issue of the Heart
- ▶ Management needs to involve the physical
- ▶ The spiritual governs the physical and the physical informs the spiritual



ENABLING POWER OF GOD

- ▶ Deal with the Intersection Points
- ▶ Are there medical issues and addiction cycles?
- ▶ Why do we keep looking? What function does it achieve?
- ▶ Lustful intent: What are we truly pining for?
- ▶ What better godly approaches and mechanisms are there?
- ▶ Don't just try harder, work wiser, dig deeper

STORY OF TYPES OF PORN AND WHAT IT MIGHT REVEAL

- ▶ Domineering Porn: and feeling small
- ▶ Reading porn: Impact on Imagination:
Deeper emotional extraction may be needed
- ▶ Passive Consumption from stress relief
- ▶ Co-Creation and Monetisation: Looking for
affirmation, community and Money

ENABLING POWER OF GOD

- ▶ Those who do well:
Starts with those who decide in a quiet and thoughtful way: Total Non acceptance of lust and porn
- ▶ Accountability in the Context of Kingdom Relationships: Story
- ▶ Dig deep into our predicament holistically
- ▶ Responds to God Quicker

TAPPING INTO THE POWER OF GOD WELL

- ▶ Judicious use of Deliverance and Word from the Lord Ministries
- ▶ Those who circulate for quick fixes will end up desolate
- ▶ Power encounters in parallel with Layering from Within

God's Beauty Pervades

- ▶ Meeting God in the Secret Place
- ▶ Matt 6:4, 6:6, 6:18 and Context
- ▶ 6:4: Not showy in our spiritual life
- ▶ 6:6: Inner Prayer Life: Solitude and Reward
- ▶ 6:18: When the whole world needs to know you are fasting dramatically, you will fail catastrophically

Be aware of apathy and hyper-religiosity cycles

God's Beauty Pervades

- ▶ Answers why we want to move away from Lust and Porn
- ▶ Allow God to captivate you with His goodness and ways: Story of Power Encounter, Gift of Discernment, Language and Reward
- ▶ Trust that He will provide what we truly need. He does reward more than Lust and Porn: We don't need porn any more
- ▶ Sharp butt who can't sit still, can pray and find it the happiest moment of the day

Why Celebrate Purity?

- ▶ Because God is Truly more beautiful and captivating than Porn

God Sees You

- ▶ The Unrepentant Sinner (Matt 5:30)
- ▶ The Victim suffering in Silence
- ▶ The Hurting Sinner
- ▶ The Struggling Faithful Sower