



## Part 4: Stay Pure

### Big Idea

The secret to staying pure is to fight fire with fire—to fight earthly passion with a passion for God. A fire burning out of place only destroys. This is why we have fireplaces and put rocks around camp fires. It's the same with the God-created passions inside each of us. Our passions need parameters. From this day forward, we can put parameters around our passions by making a commitment to God's standards, by managing our minds, by magnifying the consequences, and by maintaining proper relationships. Passions with parameters stay pure!

*Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.*

*-Galatians 5:24*

### Discussion Questions

- Pastor Chris tells us to never consider ourselves above temptation. Discuss several practical ways by which you can proactively protect yourself and stay pure. What do you already have in place and what do you need to put in place?
- Read Psalm 101:3. Discuss practical steps we can take to "contain the fire" before it gets out of control. Who holds you accountable and why did you choose that person?
- Defensiveness is one of the three responses we have to God's call for us to stay pure. Discuss some of the pitfalls that can arise from this response, and identify steps we can take to tear down the walls of defensiveness.

### Prayer Focus

Pray for the members of your group to be open to conviction to the Holy Spirit in areas of their lives that need to be changed and for the ability to receive God's forgiveness for things done in the past.

### Next Step

Make time to talk to each person/couple in your group one-on-one this week. Help them discover what step they can take to move one step closer to God.

### Leader Tip

Encourage those group members lacking accountability partners to connect with another member/couple within your group. Make the group aware of our small groups that are designed to help men and women get set free from addictions that result from impurity and that work with marriages that have been affected by infidelity.