Sermon Questions October 25, 2026

1. Jesus says looking with lust is adultery "in the heart." The sermon frames this as Jesus refusing to let us settle for correct behaviour: "not crossing the lines isn't enough." What do you think Jesus is after with this move?

2. The sermon opens with a sex worker whose clients pay to be "seen, known, and loved" through gratification, the pleasure of union without the union. Where else do you see that pattern in our culture? What does our economy or entertainment sell us in the same shape: connection without cost, intimacy without presence?

3. The sermon insists that bodily desire is a "feature, not a bug" of our created nature, and that the Christian faith asks us to purify our desires, not quench them. Start with an easy one: what is a longing in your own life that you're sure is fundamentally good, for beauty, for rest, for friendship, for God? How does it feel to hear a sermon say that your desires are not, first, a problem to be solved? Does that change how you read what Jesus says about lust?

4. The sermon suggests that "chastity is the intensification of the erotic, not its suppression," gathering the furnace of desire into "a single, white-hot flame" offered to God. How is chastity-as-focus different from chastity-as-restraint? Does it change anything to hear that married and single Christians are called to the same interior virtue?

5. "Custody of the senses" treats the five senses as doorways to the heart. Without sharing anything you'd rather not: what is one doorway in your daily life—a screen, an app, a feed, a habit of looking—where your attention is taken rather than given? What would it look like to hold that one doorway "on a short leash" this week?