



Love & Desire

Narrow the way - restricted is the journey
(pressed)

**Love vs. Lust
Narrow vs. Broad**

πᾶς ὁ βλέπων γυναῖκα πρὸς τὸ ἐπιθυμῆσαι αὐτήν
all who look at a woman toward to desire her

epithumeo – long for, desire, covet, crave, lust after

The good and natural is distorted into something destructive.

Broad, Open, Easy Way – Destruction

The Different, Godly, Pressing Way - Life!

**The answer is not to kill desire,
but point it in the right direction.**

A More Excellent Way

1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13

LOVE



ENCOUNTER QUESTIONS

Spiritual Growth Small Groups at Emmanuel Reformed Church

Review the sermon, what were the key points?

What questions did it raise for you?

What felt most important to you?

What do you think of the idea of a narrow way that presses in on us so that we are formed into a different shape?

How have you been “reformed” by the ways of Christ?

What do you make of the fact that there is no Greek word for lust, but rather a word that can both be good desire or bad?

What examples can you think of where something can be positive or negative depending on how it is directed?

Why do you think many people take the wide gate and broad road? (**Matt 5:13**) Why is it natural to go that way?

Biblical love (Agape) is the more excellent way. Read through **1 Corinthians 13:4-8** and contrast it with lust. What is inspiring in this list? What is challenging?

Consider this passage of the love we are called to live: **John 15:10-13**. Lust is selfish and depersonalized, how does the way of Jesus press us into a different way?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, guide me as I walk in your way on the narrow path that will change my life for the better. Help me to love as you loved and desire good for others. Amen.