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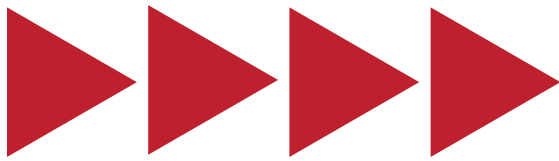
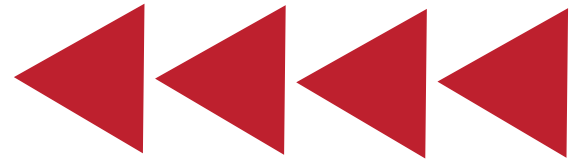
The aim of NEW GEN RISING is to support churches to unpack the impacts of pornography and porn culture on young adults, teens and kids, equipping and empowering them to make healthy and sustainable choices for their relationships and future.

GOAL

Fear free, shame free awareness and confidence to proactively respond to pornography for you, your teams and the people you serve.



NEW GEN RISING
FREEDOM IN A PORN SATURATED CULTURE



STEPS FOR SELF-PREPATION

1) Education and training:

Determine to educate, equip and empower yourself on this issue and how to respond.

- ★ Access the NEW GEN RISING Leaders webpage "Leaders Preparation" to find suggested videos and reading resources. youthwellbeingproject.com.au/leaders-new-gen-rising/

2) Plan for disclosures:

Discuss with your team how respond to disclosures. Who needs to be informed? How will you care for those addicted? How will you care for and protect those whose partners are viewing?

- Will you set up 'healing' or 'identity' groups to help those impacted get free from addiction? Do you have counsellors you can refer people on to? Who will commit to journeying alongside them as people heal / recover?

- ★ Access filters, apps and recovery programs at youthwellbeingproject.com.au/addiction-support

3) Prepare your heart:

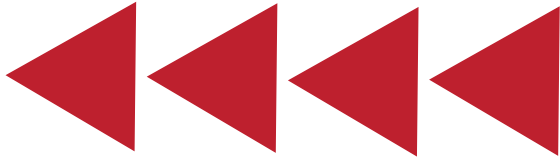
Talk about the reality of this issue as a team and be prepared to be vulnerable so that ALL can embrace healing and freedom. Regardless of any personal struggles, Jesus came so that you can be "free indeed", so determine in your heart to not let the enemy rob you of this truth. Remember:

I am the righteousness of God—I have right standing with Him—in Jesus Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21).

- ★ We recommend the following resources be utilised to prepare yourself well. Find links to these on the NEW GEN RISING Leaders webpage "Leaders Preparation".

1. BOOK: Awake to Righteousness by Mark Greenwood
2. VIDEO: Sin Is Outside, God is Inside by Mark Greenwood
3. VIDEO: Free from Guilt, Shame, and Condemnation by Dan Mohler
4. TESTIMONIES: Watch the testimony videos provided as part of the Young Adult Course Materials to encourage and strengthen your inner spirit.

KEYS TO RESPONDING PASTORALLY



Responding to confessions and disclosures of use, abuse and addiction will look different in every church and every ministry. But there are some fundamental PRINCIPLES to hold to when developing your response plan.

1 COMPASSION & CONCERN

Always respond, regardless of the nature of the confession/disclosure with compassion and genuine concern.

- This IS a serious issue with serious concerns. Do not 'brush off' the severity. At the same time, ensure the person knows and feels loved and accepted for who they are.
- NEVER blame, shame or disgrace someone.
- It is NEVER a woman/man's fault their partner is using pornography!

2 TRUTH & HOPE

Emphasize the truth that people CAN get free from this, for life. Jesus CAN transform hearts, desires and even rewire brains - if the person genuinely asks Him to. No one is bound in sin - Jesus crushed the power of sin on the cross. Often, pornography consumers feel like the issue is a part of them - but the reality is, if they have accepted Jesus as Lord, the issue is OUTSIDE of them, trying to get in. It is no longer a part of who they are.

3 EQUIP WITH ACTION

There is always grace and forgiveness for sin. But REPENTANCE produces fruit. If a person is genuinely repentant, talk them through how you, as a community, can support their change. For example, practical assistance may include:

- Helping set up personal internet filters on their phone, computer, home network etc.
- Linking with targeted groups or a counsellor for healing and support.
- Connecting with people who will support / keep them accountable / pray for them.

Have more questions or looking for something extra? Ask your lead pastor to contact the NEW GEN RISING team for support.