

# Conversation Guide

## Pornography, ep. 2

### Episode 2 summary

- What we see in porn is often counterfeit: counterfeit relationship, counterfeit intimacy, and counterfeit connection.
- These counterfeits can be destructive in their nature, from eroticizing sexual abuse to intimacy without connection.
- When we really examine the counterfeits, we start to see their cracks and flaws. Porn doesn't require much from us, but it also doesn't grow us or mold us like real relationship, intimacy, and connection.

1. A Cultural Canyon

2. Counterfeits

3. Lies

4. That Dragon, Shame

### Discussion questions

**01** Where can we find healthy examples of relationship, intimacy, and connection? Can you think of a musical artist or tv show that you feel shows these things well?

**02** Intimacy in particular can be wonderful and exciting, but it can also be uncomfortable and awkward. Why do you think intimacy is that way?

**03** Why do you think we find comfort in fake, counterfeit relationships, whether it be in movies, music, or porn? Why can real relationships be so scary?

### Diving deeper

We serve a God who is "able to sympathize with our weakness" (Hebrews 4:15). **Read Luke 4:1-14.** In this story, Jesus is offered a multitude of counterfeits: counterfeit sustenance, counterfeit power, and counterfeit safety. Yet he doesn't take any of them, choosing to stand strong in his weakened state, standing on the true, authentic word of God. Spend some time reflecting on a counterfeit you may have accepted, instead of the real thing.