

GOD'S VIEW OF SEX

1. God _____ sex.
2. God created sex to be mutually _____ within the confines of a _____ marriage relationship.

- This is the biblical design for every generation and every culture.

Genesis 2:24-25 ESV - "v24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.
v25 And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed."

- "Naked and not ashamed" refers to the state of their souls. They were in perfect union with God as they enjoyed the gifts given by God in their perfect design.

THREE GOD-DESIGNED PURPOSES FOR SEX

1. _____

- God gifted a married man and woman with sex to bring unity and vulnerability between the them.
- When it comes to having a balanced perspective on sex, a husband and wife must communicate and be on the same page about it.

2. _____

- Be fruitful and multiply!

Psalms 137:3-5 (ESV) - "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. v4 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior are the children of one's youth. v5 Blessed is the man who fills his quiver with them! He shall not be put to shame when he speaks with his enemies in the gate."

3. To _____ God

- When we follow God's design for sex, we honor Him. When we step outside His design, we dishonor Him.
- When we enjoy the gift of sex by God's design we are bringing glory to God.

THREE WORLDLY MYTHS ABOUT SEX

1. "Sex is purely _____."
2. "Sex is _____ big deal."
3. "Sex outside of marriage is _____."

Four Forms of Sex the Bible Condemns

- Fornication
- Adultery
- Homosexuality
- Pornography

REMEMBER THE GOSPEL

- The woman caught in sexual sin in John chapter eight is a reminder that because of Jesus, any past sexual sin is forgiven.

John 8:10-11 (ESV) - "10 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 11 She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'"

- We have to fight the war against sexual sin!

PRACTICAL STEPS FOR FIGHTING SEXUAL SIN

1. _____ your relationship with God.
- When you are delighting in God and loving God it is difficult to delight in sin and love sin.

2. _____ yourself.

- Guard your _____.
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3. Have _____ lines of communication with your spouse.

4. Drink from your own _____.

Proverbs 5:15 (NLT) - "15 Drink water from your own well—share your love only with your wife."

NOTES

Sexual sin starts with a thought.

Ask each other hard questions!

God gifted sex to us and is glorified when we delight in that gift with our spouse. As disciples, we are to operate within His design and commit to fighting the war of sexual sin.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. One of the three designed purposes of sex is oneness in marriage. If you are married, how is that working for you? What steps could you take this week to increase intimacy with your spouse in oneness?
2. Which of the three worldly deceptions did you have the most problems with prior to becoming a believer in Jesus? How has your thinking changed?
3. Which of the practical steps to safeguard against sexual sin do you need to put into practice going forward?
4. Do you or your spouse have close friends of the opposite sex? (i.e. you are a man and your best friend is a woman who is not your wife, or vice versa). What safeguards can you put into place to make sure that relationship does not become sinful or become a threat to your marriage?
5. Talk through any issue sexual sin may be causing in your life:
 - A. If you are married, God has a beautiful purpose for sex in your relationship with your spouse, but if you have areas where you need freedom, need to create boundaries, need to forgive, need to ask for forgiveness, etc. your group is the place to get the support and accountability you need to get freedom from sexual sin.
 - B. If you are unmarried and are struggling with sexual sin, your group is a safe place to get the support and accountability you need to get free.