

- **Sex Is More Than A PHYSICAL ACT**

“Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ Himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, ‘The two will become one flesh.’ But whoever is united with the Lord is one with Him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.”

1 Corinthians 6:15-20 NIV

- **Sex Is Not Your IDENTITY**

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” 2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.” Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

HOW TO RESPOND TO THOSE WHO DISAGREE

- **Express COMPASSION Not CONDEMNATION**
- **Express ACCEPTANCE Not AFFIRMATION**
- **Express LOVE Not HATE**

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

1 John 1:8-9 NIV

Resources To Check Out:

“Holy Sexuality and the Gospel” by Christopher Yuan

“Is God Anti-Gay?” by Sam Allberry

“Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert” by Rosaria Butterfield

Next Week: **WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?**

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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT SEXUALITY?

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God — “Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” Jeremiah 33:3 NIV

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.” Genesis 1:1 NIV

“The Word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” Hebrews 4:12 NIV

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT SEX?

- **Sex Is God’s GIFT**

“Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib He had taken out of the man, and He brought her to the man. The man said, ‘This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.’ That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.” Genesis 2:22-24 NIV

- **Sex Was MARRIED By Sin**

“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned.” Romans 5:12 NIV

- **Sex Is Limited To BIBLICAL MARRIAGE**

“‘Haven’t you read,’ Jesus replied, ‘that at the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female,’ and said, ‘For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate.’” Matthew 19:4-6 NIV



This Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. Join one of our message-based Community Groups to do this study together. Visit the Groups table after service to find a group!

LESSON AIM: The aim of this lesson is to explore what the Bible says about sexuality.

BELONG in God's family:

CHECK IN: (optional) Let's briefly check in with one another. How are you doing?

OPENING PRAYER

ICEBREAKER: Can you think of a time when someone gave you great advice that really helped you? What was that advice, and who gave it to you?

BECOME like Jesus:

1. Sunday's message centered on what the Bible says about sexuality. What did you learn, find interesting, or what challenged you in the message?
2. Read John 1:1-3. It says that the "Word", an expression of God, has always existed. Does God's Word hold the same authority today? Read 2 Timothy 3:15-17. With these verses in mind, how can the Bible be an effective filter for the issues we face today in culture?
3. Read Genesis 6:5-6. What was God seeing when He viewed the condition of mankind in Noah's generation? What does Judges 17:1-6 say about that time in human history? Why do you think things got so bad? See Matthew 23:37. How do you think Jesus reacts to our culture today?

4. In 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 we see the Apostle Paul address Corinthian believers who came out of a very sexually confused culture. What reasons does Paul give as to why our sexuality is so important to protect and honor God with?
5. The Apostle Paul had to shift the Corinthian church from the voices of their culture to seeking wisdom from God's Word. Read 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. What can we learn from these verses as we face similar challenges today?

BLESS others:

Share a time or situation when you needed direction, and reading the Bible gave you the next step to take. Read Psalm 119:105-106. What is the advantage of living our lives in harmony with God's Word? What is the cost of doing so?

BUILD God's Kingdom:

There is probably no more divisive issue where the church collides with culture than the issue of sexuality. There is a growing hostility towards Christians because of their views on sex, marriage, homosexuality, gender, and family. How can we express love to those outside the church when they see our views as being hateful?

BELIEVE God and act in faith:

As a group, in what ways can we apply this lesson? Individually, what is your next step? Consider our daily Bible reading we just started April 1st.

PRAYER: What is a challenge you are facing this week? How can we pray and support you?

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