Sex, Romance & The Glory of God

Marriage & Sex   Ephesians 5:31-32

Sex is a means to serve the greater purpose of marriage.

What is the purpose of marriage?
- To paint a picture of Jesus' redeeming and unconditional love towards his people.

How can sex help us reflect the love and relationship of Jesus with the church?

1. Sex creates intimacy

2. Sex teaches us to serve.

3. Sex is enjoyable.

4. Sex can create new life.

5. Sex protects us.

Community Group Questions

We strongly encourage you to break into same-sex groups this week, as men and women tend to be more open and honest in this setting.

1. What has shaped your view of marriage the most (parents, grandparents, friends, culture, etc)? Do you believe these influences have led to a more biblical view of marriage?

2. Growing up, how did you learn about sex and how has this affected your view of it today? Do you believe these influences have led to a more biblical view of sex?

3. Read Ephesians 5:31-32. What is the primary purpose of marriage? What would be tangible examples of how this would play itself out in marriage?

4.
A. *Married Couples:* In what ways do you believe your marriage reflects the primary purpose of marriage? In what ways does your marriage not reflect the primary purpose of marriage?

B. *Singles*: What are some assumptions you have about marriage and sex? How has Ephesians 5:31-32 challenge these assumptions?

5. Consider the statement - *Sex was created for marriage, not marriage for sex.* What role does sex play in marriage and it's ultimate purpose?

6.
A. *Married Couples*: In your marriage, how are you being a selfish lover? What are you two things you could do this week to become more of a servant lover to your spouse?

B. *Singles*: Where do you see evidence of selfishness in your life? How would this affect your potential marriage? What can you do now to cultivate pattern of servant-mindedness as a single person?