

Sex, Romance & The Glory of God

Sermon Notes & Community Group Discussion
Sunday, September 7, 2014

SEX: God, Gross or Gift?

Genesis 2:18-25
1 Corinthians 6:12-20

1. Sex is god for some people.
2. Sex is gross for some people.
3. Sex is a gift for some people.

6 Purposes of Sex:

1. Pleasure
2. Children (Genesis 1:28)
3. Oneness (Genesis 2:24)
4. Comfort (2 Samuel 12:24)
5. Protection (1 Corinthians 7:1-5)
6. To Glorify God

The Great Myth: (1 Corinthians 6: 12-20)

Sex is only physical.

Action Steps:

- a. Determine what sex is for you.
- b. Determine the story you want to tell.
- c. Decide ahead of time what honoring God with your body looks like.

Community Group Questions

Discussion Questions

1. What most stood out from the sermon this week? What is the Holy Spirit having you do in light of it?
2. What do you remember about the “sex talk” with your mom or dad? Who do you think felt more awkward, you or them?
3. If someone younger asked you for one piece of advice about sex, what would you tell him/her? What would you tell him/her about the purpose of sex?
4. How does our culture reinforce the idea of sex as a god?
5. Which heading most describes your view of sex? God, Gross, or Gift? How has your view changed?
6. Do you agree with the concept that sex isn’t just physical? Why or why not? What experiences or evidence do you have that supports the idea that sex is more than physical? What are some consequences of treating sex like any other physical act?
7. Paul defines sexual immorality as sex outside of marriage. Do you agree with this definition? In what ways is this standard trivialized in today’s culture?
8. Read 1 Corinthians 6:18. What is the practical application of this verse? What does it look like in today’s culture to “flee” sexual immorality?
9. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. How does this view of our bodies affect what we should believe and practice when it comes to sex?
10. Why does our view of sex have such a strong influence on our dating life or marriage?
11. Where do you need to practice repentance? Do you really believe God can redeem your sex life, making it even better?

Moving Forward

Exclusivity is the key to great romance in marriage, but to get it requires setting a personal standard in advance. Even though making choices that honor God with your body might seem like a sacrifice now, it will open the door for marital intimacy later. What decisions can you make today in order to invest in your marriage for tomorrow?

