

Sermon Study

LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX

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Big Idea: Let's talk about sexuality. God created it to be good and a blessing. He also specifically and directly created human beings in His image (Imago Dei). Human life is sacred, and each person should be loved, nurtured, protected, and developed. A right understanding of our humanity is crucial, so the issue of sexuality is vitally important. While culture twists, misconstrues, and parades sexuality in multiple ways, the Bible address all areas of sexuality clearly. This study will help us recognize, interpret, and apply a Jesus centered approach to sexuality.

Gather (your group getting to know each other)

1. When did or how did your parents have "the talk" with you?
2. What perception do you have of our culture's view on sexuality?

Next Steps

-You are loved! Spend some time praying over each individual / couple. Consider starting or renewing an accountability relationship for any areas of vulnerability you have.

-Sexuality is an issue that impacts all of us, who should you engage this week in conversation about sexuality?

-For more resources on the topic of sexuality, check out: www.eastview.church/sextalk.com or www.eastviewresources.com



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Grow (your group growing as Christ-followers)

Be sure to make it to the Give and Go sections

1. Have someone open the group in prayer.
2. Does it surprise you to hear that the Bible addresses all areas of Sexuality? Why or why not?
3. Imago Dei means "made in God's image" and refers to how male and female were created. Read Genesis 1:26-28 & Genesis 2:18-25. How do these Scriptures describe gender and sexuality? Why is it so important to rightly grasp that we are all made in the image of God?
4. Why does the enemy particularly target this sphere of our life? What is really at stake if we get sexuality wrong?
5. If our sexuality is a specific target, what daily disciplines help us combat this fight?
6. Compare how culture and the following Scriptures address the three main issues of sexuality discussed in the sermon.
 - Homosexuality: Romans 1:18-32, Romans 7:14-20, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10
 - Pornography: Matthew 5:27-30, Romans 7:14-20
 - Casual Sex: Romans 13:13, 1 Peter 4:3-6, Romans 7:14-20

7. Our culture currently twists the truth and intentions of sexuality, and even Christ-followers fall victim to counterfeit options. In what other areas do we "exchange the truth about God for a lie (Romans 1:25)," and worship and serve the creature rather than the Creator?

8. In light of John 8:1-11, how should we recognize, interpret, and apply a Jesus centered approach to sexuality?

Go (your group on mission)

-Mike mentioned three passages that provide guidelines for engaging those around us. Read John 1:17, Colossians 4:5-6, 1 Peter 3:14-16.

-When it comes to the topics of sexuality, how can I be spiritually strong, tethered to Christ, while being loving and gracious to all those who live in opposition to the Gospel?

-How can you show love for same-sex couples or pro same-sex people, but hold differing views about God's design for sex and marriage?

Give (your group serving each other)

When it comes to sexuality, where are you vulnerable? What are you doing about it? How can the group support you? (You may want to subgroup by gender for this section)