

A Better Way: Sex & The Body

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Life Group Questions – April 29, 2018



Connect

Who (if anyone) talked to you about “the birds and the bees”? How old were you?

Study

1. **Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20.** In these verses, Paul holds up 6 truths to know of God’s glorious plan for our physical body (note that “body” or “bodies” is found 8x in 6:13-20 and 46x in 1 Corinthians). Which one stands out to you and why?
2. For the Corinthians, and even today, it’s popular to believe that sex is just physical, and that what you do with your body isn’t important; God only cares about your soul. How does Paul’s teaching in these verses correct this false view?
3. **Read Mark 7:20-23.** God created sex. It’s a good gift when practiced lovingly as God designed. The Bible celebrates sex practiced inside a marriage covenant between 1 man and 1 woman (ex. Song Of Songs 4:1-16; Proverbs 5:15-20). Jesus & Paul used a Greek word *porneia* to define what’s sexually immoral. What is *porneia*?
4. Rationalizing isn’t new (Genesis 3:1-19). What are some popular justifications given today, even by professing Christians, that it’s okay to engage in sexual immorality?
5. What’s the “good news” Paul gives in these verses? How does remembering that Jesus paid the highest price to redeem & restore us empower us to gratefully glorify God with our body? Explain.
6. If you lived in Corinth, spell out what specific actions you’d need to take to “flee” from sexual immorality as God commands (see Genesis 39:6-12; Proverbs 5:1-13).
7. Tim Keller says the first century world was amazed by 2 things: Christians’ radical purity and radical generosity. List positive ways you personally can generously use the body God’s given you to glorify Him this week. Pick 1 to do. Then discuss one way as a group you can serve together to glorify God and bless others.

Pray

Take time to praise God for your physical body. Pray for the person on your left, that God will help them to use their body to glorify Him this week.