

WEEK 6 - OCTOBER 23, 2016

Sermon Title: Three Relationships

Sermon Passages: *Proverbs 5; Matthew 5:27-30; 1 Thessalonians. 4:3-8; 1 Corinthians 7; Song of Solomon 5:1; Genesis 2:24-25*

Life Group Passage: *1 Thessalonians 4:3-8; Matthew 5:27-30*

Big Idea: *There are three biblical relationships: family, neighbor and spouse. Sex is not allowed in two, and more than allowed, encouraged in one.*

Themes:

- A true covenant is to “fully know and be known, without the fear of rejection.” Being fully known and accepted by God allows you to be authentic.
- Husbands and wives should be fully known by each other.
- Sex is God’s gift in marriage to experience a unique physical expression of oneness and covenantal love & commitment.
- Sex is God’s gift in marriage, but the world has distorted it.
- Married or not, we are called to flee sexual immorality and pursue purity.

GENERAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Do you tend to minimize or overemphasize the importance of sex? Why?
- What do you think is the most challenging part of God’s view of sex in the Bible for Christians? What do you think is the most encouraging part?
- Which do you struggle with the most: seeing sex as good, seeing your body as good, seeing sex as a gift to be enjoyed or seeing sex as an opportunity to glorify God? Why?
- Is there anything in your life that could be having a negative impact on your sex life (sexual abuse, pornography, not taking care of your body, etc.)? What next step do you need to take to begin to address this?

MARRIAGE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Ask your spouse how they feel about your physical intimacy. Ask what they feel are the biggest barriers to intimacy and what you can do to address them.
- What have you not confessed or shared with your spouse that you believe is creating a barrier to the level of intimacy you experience?

ACTION ITEM

- Try to do one of the things that your spouse shared with you. (Don’t feel any pressure or put any pressure on your spouse to have intercourse this week.)

SINGLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How do you maintain purity/holiness as a single person?
- Do you have an accountability partner?
- Why is holiness important in singleness?