

Handle with Care Bad Sex

Flee sexual immorality (1 Corinthians 6:9-20). God created sex to *bond* the body, soul, and spirit of a man and woman together within a marriage relationship. Sex is a tool designed to help *two become one* (Ephesians 5:31). Anything outside of this design and purpose is sexual immorality and causes tremendous harm and damage on countless levels. Though not an exhaustive list, throupling, homosexuality, swinging, open marriages, pornography, lust, and adultery are all forms of sexual immorality that will never satisfy the longings of our heart and soul. Only Jesus, and drawing near to Him, will bring the satisfaction we desire deep within. Thankfully, Jesus forgives and redeems us from all forms of sexual sin if we give our lives to Him. What He accomplished on the cross is greater than any of our sins, and in Him we can experience freedom and healing.

GET THINGS STARTED

Our culture has a distinct message about sex. What is that message, and where is it being communicated? How do you see that message affecting students, marriage, and the church? What are the key lies within our culture's message about sex?

GO DEEPER

1. In 1 Corinthians 6:12-15, what were the young Jesus followers of Corinth saying (in quotes) about sex and their physical bodies? What was Paul's response to these phrases, and what is the primary point he is making about the physical body?
2. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 reveals that humans have three parts: body, soul, and spirit. How do each of these affect the other parts, and why are these significant concerning our view of Biblical sexuality?
3. From 1 Corinthians 6:19, what does it mean that our bodies are *temples* of the Holy Spirit? As *temples* of the Holy Spirit, how are we respond to sexual immortality in our lives (and in the lives of other Jesus followers)?
4. What does God consider to be sexual immortality? How does God respond to a heart of repentance when it comes to sexual sin (1 Cor. 6:11, Luke 7:39-47)?

MAKE IT PERSONAL

1. How has sexual sin impacted you (or is currently impacting you), either directly or indirectly? Who can you openly and honestly talk to about finding healing and freedom in Jesus? What are your next steps in *fleeing sexual immorality* (1 Corinthians 6:18)?
2. What does it look like to safeguard your own heart, your marriage, your kids, and/or the church from sexual sin?

PRACTICE IT NOW

As a group, take time to pray for the courage to continually flee sexual immorality. Invite our Heavenly Father to bring freedom and victory over sexual sin where needed. Ask Him for divine wisdom and strategies to sustain that freedom and to help others experience victory. Ask God to heal those specifically impacted by the sexual choices of others in their lives.