

'Sexuality'

From the series: Conversations... on life, God, and other small topics – 11/25/12

BIG IDEA

We live in a sexually charged society. The topic of sexuality is difficult on many fronts, primarily in that it is a personal and private topic. Thankfully, Scripture is not silent about sex and sexuality and provides a framework in how to understand this difficult topic. The Scriptural teaching on sexuality differs greatly from what culture has to say about sexuality, but as Christians, our understanding of sexuality must be formed first and foremost by the Scriptures – namely, that we recognize that our bodies are not our own, but belong to God, and that our identity is not derived from our sexuality, but from the image we bear as children of God.

QUESTIONS

Engaging the Head::

- We often have skewed perceptions about sex and sexuality. What serves to inform our understanding of sex & sexuality? If God is the Author and Creator of sex, then how ought we receive it and use it well?
- Scripture makes clear that homosexuality is a sin because it is a deviation from God's design of sex to be between one man and one woman in the context of the covenant of marriage. Clearly, this is a divisive issue in our culture, so how might we engage the homosexuality culture in a winsome and loving way, but also confronting them with God's design in sexuality? How might we respond thoughtfully and respectfully to those who claim 'God made me this way?'

Engaging the Heart::

- In some ways, nearly all of us have been affected by the misuse of sex. Christ offers forgiveness and healing for those in need. Read [John 7:53 – 8:11](#). How does this demonstrate the forgiveness, healing and hope offered to us in Christ? How can we embody that same forgiveness to those around us? What hinders our ability to do for others what Jesus did for the woman caught in adultery?

Engaging the Hands::

- Part of honoring God with our sexuality is pursuing the holiness ([1 Peter 1:15-16](#), [Ephesians 5:1-3](#)). Being holy is not a matter of 'rule keeping', but out of a new affection for God through Christ. How can you help others (in your Cg and outside the church) to cultivate this new affection? What would your own life look like this week if God was the supreme affection you were pursuing?
- What hinders many from being used by God to reach people for God is that we are entangled in sin – often sexual sin (Hebrews 12:1-2). What are the sins that are entangling you from running the race that God has marked out for you?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This Sunday** – GENESIS will continue the 'Conversation' this Sunday by looking at – **Eternity**.
- **Food Drive** – help support the *GENESIS Kids Food Drive* by bringing in 'non-perishable' foods to church with you on Sunday. Learn more at: www.genesisthejourney.com/blog/post/food-drive
- **Christmas Party** – mark your calendars for the GENESIS Christmas Party on Sunday, December 9th at 6:30PM. Learn more about the Christmas Party and the many contests that you'll be able to enter at: www.genesisthejourney.com/events/event/238