



DON'T TALK ABOUT THAT

GENESIS
COMMUNITY CHURCH

HEART BEHIND THE SERIES

The world tells us that there are certain things we shouldn't talk about. Things like race, sexuality, money, and politics. But we serve a God who isn't silent on these issues and has made His heart known to us in the pages of Scripture. For that reason, we do not want to be silent on those issues either. We want to **REFLECT** well the heart of God as **REVEALED** in the Word of God so that the world would get to **SEE** God!

BEFORE YOU BEGIN

1. Pray for your Group
2. Read this weeks verses (**Gen. 1:27-28; 2:18, 21-25; 1 Cor. 6:18-20**) and assign them to your Group
3. Familiarize yourself with the discussion questions
4. Have a great Group!

THIS WEEK'S VERSES

- **Gen. 1:27-28** - So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. Then God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply."
- **Gen. 2:18** - Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him."
- **Gen. 2:21-25** - "So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the Lord God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. "At last!" the man exclaimed. "This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called 'woman,' because she was taken from 'man.'" This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame."
- **1 Corinthians. 6:18-20** - "Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body."

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

“God created boundaries around pleasure not to keep us from enjoying life but to show us how to get the fullest experience. By pursuing pleasure on our terms, we actually experience less of it.” – **Jeremy Jernigan**

“It is urgent that Christians be able to articulate a strong, rich, vibrant theology of the human body, which includes sex and sexuality, derived from Scripture.” – **David Kinnaman**

“If you were to always act in your greatest self-interest, you would always obey God.” – **Mark Batterson**

“Sex is powerfully pleasurable, but it cannot satisfy your heart. The touch of another person will stimulate your body and your heart, but it will never leave you fulfilled. Looking to creation to get what only the Creator can give you will always result in addiction of some kind. The thing you hoped would serve you pulls you into its service. What seemed like freedom ends up being bondage. Sex is not the problem; what you’ve asked of it is.” – **Paul Tripp**

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

IN-GROUP QUESTIONS

1. How has sin distorted a world where naked and unashamed was normal?
2. Who forms our opinions on sex and sexuality? God’s Word? Or Society?
3. If the goal all along was naked and no shame, why do people experience so much shame in a nudity saturated world?
4. How should a Christian navigate a sexually charged society?
5. Why do you think shame is so deeply attached with sexuality and sexual sin? What does it look like to flee from sexual sins?
6. How does shame propel human beings into hiding? How does hiding diminish intimacy with other humans? Our spouses? And with God?

TAKE HOME QUESTIONS

7. How does your singleness and sexual purity show the world it is actually better and more fulfilling to wait?
8. How is your marriage showing the world that God’s design for sex is better, more fulfilling, more satisfying in marriage?
9. Sex is a gift from God. Do we treat our bodies and sex as if it were a beautiful and wonderful gift?
10. How have sexuality and shame affected you personally? How might God want to bring healing?



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