

Message Outline

Corinthians: Building a Church

Saying "Sex" at Church Part 1

1 Corinthians 6:9-7:40



Intro: Sex sermon Sunday...birds and bees from the Biblical perspective...

- Paul addresses sex repeatedly in churches he built...a place to talk sexuality at church!

God's Design for Sex

Read: Genesis 1:27-28, 2:24-25

- God invented and commanded sex!
- User Manual instruction for proper usage...
 - 1) P_____
 - Male and female in context of marriage...
 - 2) P_____
 - Both giving and receiving simultaneously..
 - 3) P_____
 - Potential in love making in making life...

Read: 1 Corinthians 6:9-20

v.9—Out of bounds expressions of sexuality...

- Homosexuality in Corinth, culture, and church...
- The Bible and Homosexuality: Gen.1-2, 19:4-6, Lev.18:22, 20:13, Mk.10:6-9, Rom.1:18-32, 1Tim.1:8-17, 1Cor.6:9.
-Practice consistently labeled "sin", and yet not a sin outside Christ's saving (cf. 6:11)!

v.10—More sin specified...

v.11—"were"... "washed"... "sanctified"... "justified"! The work of the Son and Spirit!

v.12-13a—Views of sex in Corinth (and today)...

v.13a-20—Christian understanding of sex...

Understanding a Christian Sex Ethic

- 1) Sex and U_____ v.16
- 2) Sex and B_____ v.18
- 3) Sex and G_____ v.19-20

Closing: Rahab the prostitute (Josh.2, Mt.1)...



Small Group

Reflection Questions

(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

Read: Acts 1-2—Early Church Beginnings

**What does this text say about God? What does it say about me/humanity?*

**What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

**How were you taught about sex (ie. peers, parents, church, etc)? What do you remember about that learning? And how would you teach someone else about sex today?*

**How is sex viewed by people you know? by TV/movies? by society? In what ways does God's view of sexual intimacy differ from the cultural perspective?*

**Sexuality seems to be one key issue in the headlines between church and culture. What are some other cultural issues the church needs to respond to today?*

**Sexuality has been a temptation topic throughout the ages. What boundaries has God created to help His people deal with temptations regardless of their expressions?*