

Sexuality and Gender - Week 3

Marriage and Sexuality - From Beauty to Brokenness

Why are these topics difficult?

- Experiences
- Emotions
- Perceptions
- Convictions

Goals for this Session:

- Hold high God's design for marriage and sexuality
- Identify underlying issues
- Learn how to care for those experiencing these struggles
- Learn how to respond to these struggles in your life

Ground Rules:

- Grace
- Love
- Humility
- Authority of God's Word

When we make that which was created ultimate, eventually the Creator is not valuable.

Distortions of Sexuality - Pornography

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Distortions of Sexuality - Fornication, Cohabitation, Hookup Culture

Hebrews 13:4

We will never be completely satisfied with anything other than the one who made us for His purposes.

Distortions of Marriage - Polygamy, Divorce, Infidelity

Deuteronomy 24:1-4

Matthew 19:1-12

Two Emphases from Matthew 19:1-12

- Marriage, as God designed it, is between one man and one woman in a binding, covenantal monogamous relationship until death do they part.
- Just because something is permissible, does not necessarily make it ideal.

Two Predominant Views of Divorce Among Evangelicals

- Permanence
- Permissible

When thinking about distortions of Marriage and Sexuality, Remember:

- The Bible should inform our sexual ethic
- Marriage, Sex, and Orgasm are good gifts, but terrible gods
- Keeping the marriage covenant is a gospel issue
- Sexual sin impacts more than me and more than my body
- The ground is level at the foot of the cross
- The Gospel should inform our response to the failure of ourselves and others

If you're struggling:

- If sin is present - pray for conviction
- If conviction has come - pray for repentance
- If repentance - pray for action
- If action - pray for perseverance
- No matter what lean on the grace of God

If you're near others who are struggling:

- Move toward them, not away
- Guard yourself
- Be gracious to them as God has been to you
- Declare and demonstrate a better way

If this all feels distant:

- Walk carefully
- Pray earnestly

Resources:

- [Sex and the Supremacy of Christ](#)
- [Love Thy Body](#)
- [Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage](#)