



small groups

Discussion Guide



Uncommon Sexuality

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Ice Breaker

(5 minutes)

Discuss

This week's lesson was all about sex. Do you think we talk about sex too much in the church? Not enough? Why?

Lesson Review

(40 minutes)

Read 1 Cor. 6:12-20

Andy said that secular culture, whether in ancient Corinth or modern DFW, thinks too little of the human body. By this, he meant not that the world doesn't think about

physical bodies often enough, but that it doesn't think about them highly enough. So the difference between Christians and the world should not be that we don't talk about sex, but in the way we talk about it.

Discuss

- How is your family and small group doing with that? Do you talk about sex? Do you talk about it as a sacred thing?

Andy said that Paul asks and answers three questions in this passage:

Q: What is my body for?

A: It's for the Lord and his glory.

Q: How should I live with my body?

A: Honor God's guidance that comes from love and a desire to protect and bless us.

Q: Whose body is it?

A: God's. He created our bodies and he died to redeem not just our souls, but our bodies as well.

Paul's assertion in verse 19 that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit would have called up images of Greek gods in the Corinthian believers. The Greeks built extravagant temples for their gods and fitted them with signs that said, basically, "Don't defile this temple or this god will take it as an offense and have revenge."

If the body and sex are meant to proclaim our union with God, and if there is an enemy who wants to separate us from God, what do you think he is going to attack? If we want to know what is most sacred in this world, all we need do is look for what is most violently profaned.

– Christopher West, Theology of the Body for Beginners

Discuss

- Try to identify several ways that the Biblical view of human bodies differs from the secular worldview. Name as many as you can.
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Application

(15 minutes)

Andy offered two points of application:

1. Let Jesus make your temple holy.

By trusting in his redemptive love, whether for the first time or the millionth. God can rescue and renew you no matter what you've done with your body.

2. Let Jesus keep your temple holy.

By confessing and repenting of sexual sin. If you have become a disciple but let the enemy stain and defile God's temple, all is not lost. God can forgive your sexual sin and even use the wounds for good if you'll continually turn to him.

Discuss

- Are there stains on your temple that you need to confess to your group? (NOTE: This might be a good week to divide up by gender.)
- Are there steps you need to take to keep your temple holy this week?

