

BIG IDEA

In our decisions regarding sex, we should never seek to ease our conscience where God is seeking to trouble it.

WHAT DOES GOD WANT ME TO KNOW?

Why do you think talking about sex is so often taboo in Christian culture?

This is going to be a difficult week of questions if you have a mixed group. You might consider splitting the group between the men and women if you feel it would make it easier to be transparent.

Read Genesis 1:31 and 2:20-25. What can we learn about sex from these passages? How do they reveal the beauty of God's design for sex?

How does our modern culture view sex? In what ways is this different from the biblical view found in Genesis?

Take some time before hand to look at modern marketing schemes. The old saying "Sex sells" is very present today and it reveals our culture's view on sex. Think about some of Pastor Cal's illustrations: I Love Lucy, Leave it to Beaver, Friends, etc.

Read Romans 1:26-27. What stands out to you about these verses? How can Christians live out this truth in a loving and respectful way?

What do you think most people are *actually* looking for through their expression of sexuality? Why is God not enough?

Pastor Cal had a long list of reasons why people have sex: boost to social status, get a promotion, feeling obligated or pressured, etc.

WHAT IS MY INITIAL REACTION?

The Barna Group reported in 2007 that 91% of young non-Christians label the church as "anti-homosexual." What is your initial reaction to this statistic? How can we minister to people who might be living an alternate lifestyle when this is the perception of Christians?

<https://www.barna.com/research/a-new-generation-expresses-its-skepticism-and-frustration-with-christianity/>





LIFE GROUPS

SERMON COMPANION

Have you considered certain kinds of people “outside of the grace of God” because they sin differently than you? Why?

This question is NOT just about people who are LGBTQ. Think about how we often treat people who we know are in adultery or committing fornication. Think about the perception we have of people who we know look at pornography. Bring this to light during group time.

WHAT AM I GOING TO DO?

Read 1 Peter 2:11. How would you explain this passage in your own words? How will you abstain from fleshly desires?

Is God troubling your conscience right now? What are you going to do about it?

