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Sermon Discussion Guide
October 6, 2024
1 Corinthians 6-7, Ephesians 5

Read the sermon text (1 Corinthians 6-7, Ephesians 5) together and briefly summarize the main points of the sermon (see outline below). Recapping the sermon text and sermon outline can be a helpful way to start the group, even if everyone did hear the sermon. If someone did not hear the sermon, at least they have now heard the text, or part of the text...

The Church: Marriage and Singleness in a Broken World (Part 3)

1 Corinthians 6-7, Eph. 5

Sermon Outline

The Truth About Marriage:

Marriage is a powerful picture of God's love for his church.

Lies About Marriage, Singleness, and Sexual Purity:

1. Pornography doesn't hurt anyone.
2. It's ok to live together if you are engaged.
3. Divorce is an easy option.
4. The Bible supports same-sex marriage.
5. Homosexual sin is the greatest sin of our time.

Sermon Thought: Believers are called embrace God's plan for sexuality, singleness, and marriage as they live their lives to glorify God.

Sermon Discussion questions

*After briefly reviewing the message outline and text, use these questions to further examine the sermon and to discuss how these truths apply to daily life, so we can "be doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22). Based on your knowledge of the people in your home group, **select the questions that will best help you frame the group's discussion** of this sermon and sermon text. Don't feel like you need to discuss every question... And feel free to craft some of your own questions.*

1. Prime the Pump Question: who in your life can you think of who has been an positive picture of what it looks like to live as a single? Or, as a married couple?
2. Was there anything in the sermon or the text that stood out to you?
3. Read John 8:1-11. How does this passage speak to people who have struggled in the past or who are currently struggling with sexual brokenness?
4. Read Psalm 103:8-13, 1 John 1:9. Why do you think God emphasizes his willingness to forgive in so many passages of Scripture?
5. What resources have you found helpful for building a strong marriage? Purity? Singleness?
6. Read Ephesians 5:1-12. How is this passage similar to 1 Cor. 6-7? How is it different? Name one principle in this passage that you need to put into practice.

7. Read Eph. 5:22-33. Marriage is a picture of God's love for a broken world. God's love is loyal, pure, sacrificial, eternal. How is this type of love demonstrated in a healthy marriage?
8. To demonstrate GRACE in a marriage, a person needs to... A. Acknowledge your brokenness. B. Receive God's grace. C. Share God's grace with others. If you are married, can you think of an example where this has happened in your marriage?
9. Read Eph. 5:6, 1 Cor. 6:9. Paul cautions believers against being deceived. How might believers today be deceived on the topics of marriage, singleness, and sexual purity? What tools or methods does the enemy use to deceive?
10. Lie #1—"Pornography doesn't hurt anyone." Read Matt. 5:27-28. What can you say or do to help a believing friend who is struggling with pornography?
11. Lie #2—"It's ok to live/sleep together if you are engaged." Read 1 Cor. 6:18-20.
 1. What can you say or do to help believing friends who are believing this lie?
 2. What can parents say or do if they have adult children who are engaging in this practice?
12. Lie #3—"Divorce is an easy option." Read 1 Cor. 7:10-11. What can you say or do to help a friend who is considering divorce? Going through a divorce? Divorce in the past?
13. Lie #4—"The Bible supports same-sex marriage." Read 1 Cor. 6:9-11.
 1. What can you say or do if you have a believing friend who is pursuing same-sex marriage?
 2. What can you say or do if you have a non-believing friend who is pursuing same-sex marriage?
 3. What should you say or do if a friend or family member invites you to a same-sex wedding?
14. How would you respond to someone who tells you that your interpretation of these Bible passages is old-fashioned and out of touch?
 1. Genesis 19:1-29; Ezekiel 16:49; Jude 7
 2. Leviticus 18:22; 20:13
 3. Romans 1:18-32
 4. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
 5. 1 Timothy 1:8-10
15. Lie #5—"Homosexual sin is the greatest sin of our time." Read Rom. 1:28-32; 1 Timothy 1:9-10; 1 Cor. 6:9-10. Why is this a lie?
16. What can you say or do if you have a believing friend who confides in you that he/she is struggling with same-sex attraction?
17. How can you bring GRACE into the conversation with any of these lies?
18. Share stories of how you have encountered these lies, and how you responded.
19. Why do you think that God wanted you to see/hear this passage today?