

Naked Truth
Message Questions
Week 5 Oct 20/22

Leaders Note: Please note that the insertion of the videos in the discussion is different this week. Using them as directed will make the discussion MUCH easier!

Watch Ed's video. (Start at minute 6:19)

1. In what ways does Journey's DNA inform our discussion of this series and this message?
2. God has a very different vision for sexuality than our culture does. From what we've heard from Ed, why would we choose God's vision over the culture's vision?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. The Corinthian church members had absorbed the culture's beliefs about the human body. In this passage, what did Paul say about the body in order to help them to discover the truth about what is profitable for them? (ie what will lead them to flourishing?)
Leaders: (Refer to the message notes on this passage and fill in anything your people might have missed. A good summary could be, "The body is to be dignified, not treated like an RV.")

Watch Christopher West's video clip. Christopher West is speaking to a Catholic audience here and speaks of the sacrament of marriage – which means that there is an invisible work of God taking place as two people are joined in the covenantal ceremony, which is visible. Try to not to get hung up on the parts that are difficult to understand and instead listen for the answer to question 4 in the video.

4. According to Christopher West, what message does the most intimate thing I can do with my body, carry?
5. Ed said, "The point of sex is bigger than having sex." Whether we are single or married, we all can get a glimpse of God's invitation to relationship with Him as we reflect on the picture of sexual union as God designed it to be.
 - Explain the ways that this picture informs God's vision for our relationship with Himself. **Leaders-**(Let your group answer and then fill in thoughts from the notes on Oneness/Mirrors/Pictures
 - In what ways does this vision differ from the ways that you've understood a relationship with God in the past?

Leaders: Remember that the reflection questions are done individually. Give group members to read the questions on their own and reflect and journal for 10 minutes. There is no need to discuss the reflections as a group.

Reflection Questions:

1. Which of these **cultural** attitudes about sex have you absorbed? Mark an X next to the ones you identify as your own.
 - Sex can satisfy me.
 - Life cannot be satisfying without sex.
 - My body is an “RV”.
 - What I do with my body sexually has little to do with my spirituality.
 - It’s impossible to master my sexual desires.
 - There is no connection between the meaning of sex and the meaning of marriage.
 - It’s not currently relevant to attach a message of total self giving and exclusivity to sex.
 - My sexual choices have no impact on my own human dignity/value or the dignity/value of others.
 - Other?

2. What do you think God might be saying to you today about these cultural attitudes?

3. John Paul II- It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life, it is He who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices that others try to stifle. It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal.

This is the type of MASTER who can “master us” if we invite Him to whether we are married or single. How do you respond to this invitation?

4. In what ways is God inviting you to believe in and protect the dignity of your body and the bodies of others?