

## **Naked Truth Message Questions Week 4 Oct 13& 15**

Note: We are diving into this series that casts a big picture vision for the meaning of our bodies and our sexuality. This is no easy task but at the same time, important. We have provided videos each week to help highlight some central ideas and to enhance our understanding and assimilation of these points. However, our Journey weekend messages are our primary means of communicating our take on this teaching. These messages will be central to our Life Group discussions. **The Personal Reflection questions are MOST important to our Life Group time, so please move on to these 10 minutes before you need to end.**

1. For three minutes, brainstorm with the person next to you. Answer this question: Where do we see examples of the perpetuation of the myth of romance and sex as the source of ultimate satisfaction in life?
2. Take 5 minutes to discuss as a larger group the ways that belief in this myth have brought pain and damage to ourselves and our relationships.

This week, we're going to try to catch a BIGGER vision for life together in our vocations as single and married people.

**Watch all three video segments.** (Note- the Catholic practice of Eucharist that Christopher West refers to is similar to our practice of communion)

3. Read Genesis 2:24-25 and Ephesians 5:31-32.
  - We see the same verbiage in both of these passages. What are the parallels between Adam and Jesus as described in these passages?
  - According to this scripture, what is the MAIN POINT of marriage and sexual union within marriage?
4. Describe the challenges of those living in the vocation of marriage.  
Describe the challenges of those living in the vocation of singleness.

Marriage **pictures** that we were made for a relationship that marriage only **points** to.

Singleness **pictures** that our hope is fixed on God Himself who is all **we (married and single)** really need.

All of us are waiting for complete fulfillment.

5. Based on your answers to question 4 and the statements above, what do married and single people have in common?  
(Leader notes: Let your people ponder this and direct their answers to the following conclusions: they both have challenges and struggles, they both find themselves lonely at times, they both at times wish that they were experiencing MORE fulfillment and wonder if a different vocation or person would satisfy them, they both need to move toward God for fulfillment, they both WILL find complete fulfillment and joy in eternity, we can learn from each other as we cheer each other on towards finding our joy and fulfillment in God alone, etc. Don't forget to take the answers off before you create your handout)

If you have time:

6. Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-25. Describe the ways that communion is a glimmer of Jesus, the bridegroom's, invitation to the Church, His bride?  
(Revelation 19:7-9) In what ways might we experience communion differently keeping this in mind?

Reflection Questions:

1. Jesus won't leave us hanging! God fully plans to satisfy the soul of every one who comes to Him. John 15:10-11. How convinced are you that God CAN and WANTS to satisfy you here and now? What questions do you have for God about this?
2. My vocation/situation is my calling – at least for this moment. Are you grasping for satisfaction that you think can be found in changing your vocation/situation? How? What would change in your life if you knew you could be fully satisfied in God here and now in your present vocation?
3. Are you afraid that if you follow God's life direction for you that you will find yourself living a life that is "less than"? What would change if you knew that you would find all that you long for as you follow His direction for you?  
(Proverbs 3:5-6, Jn 10:10, Isa 55, Revelation 22:17)