

Our **Virtual**

PowerGroup

Unanswered Questions
Week 5 Study

Icebreaker

What place makes your favorite kinds of sandwiches?

Passage 1 Genesis 2:19-25 (NIV)

Two extremes when it comes to sex

1. Sex as animals
2. Sex as angels

Sex as God intended

"Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame."

Reflection What was God's intention when He created a woman from Adam's rib?

Passage 2 Proverbs 5:19 (NIV)

1. Sex is a sacrifice
2. Sex is to bind two people together
3. Sex is to be enjoyed in the covenant of marriage.

"A loving doe, a graceful deer— may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be intoxicated with her love."

Reflection What are your thoughts about each of these statements?

Passage 3 1 Corinthians 7:1-7

4. Sex is for the other person

Now for the matters you wrote about: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband. The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife. Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. I say this as a concession, not as a command. I wish that all of you were as I am. But each of you has your own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.

Reflection What are your thoughts on what the apostle Paul said in regards to our spouses having authority over our body?

What stands out to you about this passage?

Passage 4 1 Corinthians 6:13-17

"Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit.

Reflection Why must we not engage in sexual acts outside of the covenant of marriage?

Why do you think that Paul used the example of the stomach and food in relation to sex?

Application

If you are struggling or have struggled with any sexual immorality and feel ashamed all you need to do is turn away, confess and repent of your sins.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 NIV

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV

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