

GROWING DEEPER

Many folks in the church feel incredibly uncomfortable even discussing the topic of sex. Why is having this conversation important for our marriages, our families and our local church? What's at stake if we ignore this topic? Why is our view of sex so important? What was your view of sex growing up?

Here are four popular viewpoints around the topic of sex:

1. **Sex as a gift from God.** Sex is given to us in covenantal marriage for unity, bonding, reproduction, pleasure, comfort and mutual sacrifice. What surprised or intrigued you about the Bible's view of sex? How does the world warp each of these aspect of God's good gift? Why is sex within marriage so important?
2. **Sex is a god in itself.** Read Romans 1:18-25 and discuss how worship twists the biblical design for sex. Jon explained that, "Any god other than Jesus becomes a tyrant." What are some of the disastrous consequences of idolatry towards sex? How can biblical guidelines towards sex be more liberating than the total sexual freedom promoted and celebrated by our culture?
3. **Sex is merely recreational.** Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 and discuss how Paul addresses this view of sex. What beliefs, desires and social pressures cause people to function as though sex is merely recreational?
4. **Sex is just gross.** Why does this viewpoint tend to be very common within the church? What are some of the practical consequences of this viewpoint? Why is this viewpoint unbiblical, and how would you counsel someone who has believed that sex is gross all their life?



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Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Genesis 2:24-25 (ESV)



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