

MSC – Summer Connect Group Guide

Series: **YOU ASKED FOR IT**

Message: **Part 3 – You & Your Bod**

What Does the Bible Teach About SEX?

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SUMMER SERIES
JULY & AUGUST

Connect

SUMMER 2018

*What are 3 of your favorite things about Summer? *Activities, Food...*

*What is one way that you are investing in your relationship with God this Summer?

Bible Reading Plan, Book, Camp, Serving, Other...

Sunday Message Feedback

*Sunday's Speaker: Shawn Vandop – Lead Pastor

1. MESSAGE FEEDBACK: You Asked For It

This is the 1st Connect Group of the Summer. We've had 3 messages in the *You Asked For It* series. Let's take just a few minutes to touch base on the first two messages.

a. Do you have any questions or feedback from Message 1 (June 24) *Do Miracles Still Happen Today?*

b. Do you have any questions or feedback from Message 2 (July 1) *Can I Lose My Salvation*

*You can watch/listen-to messages online through our website or church app.

2. Message Feedback: YAFI Message 3 : *You & Your Bod – What Does the Bible Teach About Sex?*

a. Do you have any initial questions or feedback from Sunday's Message? What stood out to you?

b. Has your understanding of Sex and God's Design changed or been challenged in any way since?

3. Foundation and Inspiration

Pastor Shawn said: *"We all have a filter. We all have a worldview. We all have an understanding about sex and sexuality from the way we were raised, the books we have read, the movies we have seen – all these different experiences have formed our view of sex."*

a. What were the primary influences (sources/resources/people...) for you regarding your understanding of SEX growing up?

b. How has that changed for you as adult?

4. *It's clear in God's Word (the Bible) that He is Pro-Sex and Pro-Intimacy.

Complete & Discuss this statement – **"IF GOD create SEX, then..."**

a. *Does God get a say in the matter, in terms of design, purpose, plan, boundaries and consequences?*

b. *Do you believe the Church is a good and necessary place to discuss Sex and Relationships? Discuss...*

5. **BIG IDEA!! – Purity is the Pathway to Intimacy**

The Bible declares this to be true of one's relationship with God, and with others – specifically within the relationship of Marriage and sexual intimacy.

*What is Intimacy and how would you respond to this Idea or Statement?

6. **SEX LIES:** Pastor Shawn addressed 2 of the lies about sex that are believed & shared in our world.

What are your questions or feedback about these Lies?

a. *The Sex Drive cannot (or should not) be controlled.*

b. *Sex is just physical.*

7. **ILLUSTRATION:** Pastor Shawn shared the following illustration in his message. *Read & Discuss...*

Now imagine if the entire world believed and practiced what Jesus has taught us regarding sex. Imagine if the entire world believed and practiced sex within the commitment of marriage. Imagine if every person found one person to spend their life with and who they enjoyed sex for the first time with and committed to that one person for the rest of their life. Imagine there was no cheating, no affairs, no adultery.

Picture how different the world would be if everyone followed Jesus teaching on sex.

- There would be no more adultery. There would be no more heartbreak.
- There would be no more kids living without a father or a mother to tuck them in at night because one of them decided to have sex outside of the marriage relationship.
- All the pain of growing up with separated parents would be gone.
- There would be no more rape – it would be eradicated.
- All the people who live in fear of sexual predators would be gone.
- There would be no more prostitution or sex slavery
- There would be no date rape and all that is associated with that – it would be gone.
- All the pain of a mother and father having to come alongside their child because they pushed the boundaries and crossed the line sexually.
- There would be no more teenage pregnancies or children born out of wedlock.
- There would be no more unwed mothers or abortions.
- IF EVERYONE BELIEVED THAT SEX WAS ONLY FOR MARRIED PEOPLE...
- Our inner cities would look completely different.
- There would no longer be a billion dollar pornography industry.
- It would eradicate the world wide AIDS epidemic or sexual diseases
- If everyone believed and practiced sex within God's design of marriage between one man and one woman our world would be drastically different.

a. Now with that understanding – would you agree that maybe God knows what he's talking about?

b. Is God's way and plan for sex really that bad?

Maybe just maybe God knows what He's doing and we don't.

Application

Read through the following Encouragement & Scripture References

To those who are single and not sexually active:

- Guard your sexuality.
- It is a powerful and wonderful thing.
- It should be treated as something precious.
- It should be cherished and kept for safe-keeping, so that it can be experienced and enjoyed at its fullest.
- Don't exchange the full power and pleasure of this good gift for something lesser.
- Some will try to tell you that you're missing out on some pleasure by waiting.
- The truth is quite the opposite!
- God wants you to FEEL the FULL pleasure of sex.
- You will only do that when you FULFILL the PURPOSE of sex and follow His design for it.

To those who are married:

- You have been given a sacred trust...
- A powerful gift...
- Your marriage partner is counting upon you to fulfill your marital duty.
- Be a sensitive, tender, caring, and FAITHFUL lover.
- Resist the temptation to stray.
- Resist the temptation to take your sexuality outside of the safe boundaries of marriage.
- It will not satisfy.
- If will only destroy.

To those who are single, but say, "It's too late. I'm already sexually active. What's the point in waiting now?"

- That's like saying, "I robbed a bank once, so what's the point in not robbing another one?"
- If you recognize that something is wrong, stop.
- Confess, repent, and receive God's grace and forgiveness.
- Renounce each improper use of your sexuality

If you are presently expressing your sexuality outside of God's design (whether you are single or married) yet you claim to be serious about being a fully devoted follower of Christ, there is only one choice before you today: confess, repent, and receive God's grace, forgiveness, and healing power...

God can cleanse your mind and renew your heart from a rebellious past.

Finally, to those who have been scarred and wounded by a misuse of sexuality:

- I understand that for you - right now - sex is anything BUT "**very good**".
- For you, sex is pain and regret and shame.
- You need to hear that sex is good.
- You need to hear that Jesus wants to heal you.
- You need to hear that Jesus wants to heal the way that you view your sexuality.
- You need to hear that Jesus wants you to experience your sexuality as good.
- He will do that, if you ask Him, and if you journey with Him...

Scripture : God's Design for Sex & Marriage

Bible References - Here are a few of the Biblical references regarding marriage and sexuality.

*Note: any time you read sexual immorality or fornication it is a reference to any sexual activity outside the context of a marriage between one man & one woman.

[Genesis 2:24-25](#) [Exodus 20:14](#) [Proverbs 5](#) [Song of Solomon](#)
[Matthew 5:27-32](#) & [19:2-9](#) [Mark 10:6-9](#) [Romans 1:21-32](#) & [13:13-14](#)
[1 Corinthians 6:9-20](#) & [7:1-16](#) & [13:4-7](#) [Galatians 5:13, 19-22](#)
[Ephesians 5:3, 21-33](#) [Colossians 3:1-10](#) [1 Thessalonians 4:1-8](#)
[1 Timothy 1:8-11](#) [2 Timothy 2:22](#) [Hebrews 13:4](#)

*www.gotquestions.org/sex-before-marriage.html

*If you have questions or would like further resources please feel free to contact Shawn or Eryn.

Summer Connect Groups

SUMMER WOMEN'S GROUP

Tuesdays. 9am-10:30am. Main Street Café.

JULY 10, 17, 24 & 31 AUG 14 & 21.

Leader: [Sharon Tiessen](#)

*This a drop-in group. No Childcare Provided.

SUMMER CONNECT GROUP

Wednesdays. 7pm-8:30pm. Main Street Café.

JULY : 11th, 18th, 25th AUG : 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd

Leader: [Eryn Moore](#) (Chris Sloan will be covering for me on the 1st & 8th)

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