



SEXUALITY

STARTING THE DISCUSSION...

One of the most striking changes that has been taking place in our culture is on the topic of sex and sexuality. Many people have noted that the prevalence of sexual content around us has grown more and more to the point that it is commonplace and even ignored. Pornography has become part of the mainstream mindset and is more available than at any point in history. The entire conversation around homosexuality and transgenderism has exploded onto the scene seemingly overnight, not only being accepted but celebrated and defended. In the wake of all of these changes the church has often lacked the ability to respond well. From the overly prudish response of “sex is bad” to at times the full acceptance of everything because “all love is from God.” So how do we as Christians respond to the ever-changing cultural approach to sex and sexuality? We are called to root our understanding of sexuality in the Bible, in what God created sex to be and what it is meant to point us towards. Sex is not an ultimate evil to be avoided, nor is it the goal of life. Sex is a good gift created by God that ultimately points us to something greater yet to come.

KEY TEXT: REVELATION 19:7-8

- ⁷ Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;
- ⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure”—



Additional Texts: *Genesis 1:28, 2:23-24; Ephesians 5:22-32; 1 Corinthians 7:2-4*

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD

1. What is the context of this passage in Revelation? What is going on? How does that help us understanding the purpose of marriage?
2. How does the purpose of sex find its goal in Revelation?

APPLYING THE WORD

3. Being that we live in a sinful world, have you been able to work through your sexual shame, guilt, trauma, or addiction? If not, who will you commit to reaching out to for help and support?
4. How does this gospel-shaped vision of sexuality provide a healthy and holistic framework for your sexuality?

PRAYING & ACTING

1. How can our group show the gospel in our community when it comes to sexuality? What practical steps could we take to help our neighbourhood hear the gospel?
2. Pray that God would use our words and our actions to show the superior greatness of Jesus through our lives.

