

HOLY WHOLENESS: *1 Corinthians 6*

ARRIVAL / SOCIAL TIME: *15-20 minutes*

Spend the first 15 minutes or so of your time together catching up and socializing with one another. Also find time to catch up together on how the assignments from last week turned out.

SERMON REVIEW: *5-10 minutes*

It seems like everyone is talking about sex today. Everywhere we go ideas and opinions about sex and sexuality are all around us. Our television and internet options are full of it. Courts are ruling on it. Billboards and magazines advertise it. In fact, often times, it seems the only place not talking about sex and sexuality is the church, and when the church does have a talk on sex and sexuality, unfortunately, it hasn't always been helpful. Which is why we must learn to talk about sex and sexuality as a church in more helpful ways. 1 Corinthians 6, Paul explores the fact that, as people of God, we must learn to live with holy wholeness in all of our covenant relationships. Because our sexuality is profoundly and mysteriously united with our human desire for connection and covenant, it is our faith that should inform and shape our deepest levels of intimacy. That's why this week Jon challenged our view of sex and sexuality by reminding us that how we treat issues of sex and sexuality is a communal issue with communal ramifications. He poignantly pointed out to us how we conduct our marriages and relationships might be our most powerful proclamation of good news to the world, and it is in and through Jesus that all of our relationships can become fully transformed.

THE MAIN THOUGHT: *keep this in mind as you facilitate discussion*

God calls us to holy wholeness in all of our relationships—especially in our relationship with Jesus.

SEE IT – Questions *10-15 minutes*

Picture: What were the three ways that the Corinthians were responding to the challenges of immorality that existed both inside and outside of the church? Who did Paul encourage the church to be oriented to and why? What issues of sex and sexuality is Paul dealing with in our passage this week? How have the Corinthians lost sight of the lordship of Christ in the way they are treating each other? How is this outworking itself in their lawsuits and disputes, in their finances and in their sex lives?

Mirror: What part of Jon's sermon impacted you most? How might this help you have better conversations about sexuality with your family and friends? What are the areas in your life and in your personal relationships that you are not facing with Jesus?

Window: How does knowing and trusting Jesus, as the source of life, impact your relationship with those around you whom you are seeking for connection? What's one way that allowing Jesus to be Lord of your sexuality might change your marriage? How are you ensuring that your covenant relationships are proclaiming the sufficiency of Jesus in your family, marriage, friendships, profession, etc? How can you be a conduit of grace in truth in what you say and how you live?

BE IT – Practice

Change: UP // *Exercise 15 minutes* activity to help the group engage with God as group

Take some time individually to listen to God. Ask Him to reveal to you any secrets or unhealthy isolation that exist in your life. Submit those areas to God and invite Him to transform them through His power and truth.

Change: IN // *Group Activity 5 minutes*

Break up into groups of men and women and make room in your group to talk about issues of sex and sexuality together. One way to identify the health and wholeness of your relationships is to see how your faith is shaping your life. Take a few minutes to rate how your faith is influencing the following areas (scale: 1 to 5; 5 = my faith completely influences and impacts the given area) and discuss them together:

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| The way you do your job | |
| The way you spend your free time | The way you interact with your neighbors |
| The way you talk about others | The way you maintain your household |
| The way you spend your money | The way you handle your marriage and sexuality |
| The way you think about yourself | The way you treat your spouse |

Change: OUT // *Life Application Assignment 5 minutes*

Go on a walk with your spouse this week in your neighborhood. Hold hands together and allow your marriage to be your witness. Enjoy your surroundings. Engage in conversation. Laugh together, and let Christ be seen in the way you walk and talk together.

CLOSING PRAYER: *5 minutes*

Take a few minutes to gather any prayer requests and pray for each other to SEE IT and BE IT this week.