

MAKING SENSE OF SEX

FIFTY 50 SHADES OF DEEPER GRACE - LOVE SEX AND DATING - PART 4

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- Yea. I couldn't think of a good ice breaker question for sex, either. Why don't you just tell each other what your favorite color is or something. 😊

START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Where does our culture draw the line on sexual behavior in terms of right and wrong? Why do you think they draw it there?
- What is the source of our culture's obsession with sex?
- Read the scriptures on the next pages in preparation for the following conversation.

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- Where did you get some of your first information concerning sex?
- What damage have seen done in the lives of people due to sexual abuse/misuse/sin? How fragile is our sexual selves?
- Two erroneous views Mark talked about were sex=God and Sex-Gross. Which one have you found yourself leaning towards? Which one do you think causes more damage?
- God could have created us to lay eggs to procreate. Why do you think He invented sex? What benefit is He receiving in our procreating in this way?
- Culture says that sexual sin isn't a big deal. The Church sometimes says that is the biggest deal. How should we respond to sexual sin? How should our response differ based on their faith status?
- Read Hebrews 13:4 and 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. What do you make of the authors listing multiple types of sexual sin, and not just adultery?
- What was in your heart/mind as Mark started talking about Cohabitation, and contrasting it to marriage?
- What are you willing to practically help a cohabiting couple get married?

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father, thank you for making me sexual. I submit that part of me to you, just like my spiritual part. May I honor you in all my life. In Jesus, Name. Amen.

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- When are tempted sexually this week, remind yourself that you are weak, and He is strong.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NIV)

⁹ Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders

¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹ And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20 (NIV)

¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.

¹⁹ Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;

²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.

1 Corinthians 7:1-5 (NIV)

¹ Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to marry.

² But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband.

³ The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband.

⁴ The wife's body does not belong to her alone but also to her husband. In the same way, the husband's body does not belong to him alone but also to his wife.

⁵ Do not deprive each other except 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.

Hebrews 13:4 (NIV)

⁴ Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.