

You Asked For It! Week One – What is sexual sin?

This page is the leader guide for this week. Use these conversation starters as a tool to help your group open up. It would be impossible to cover all these questions in your group.

- When did your parents tell you about sex? What was the conversation like? At what age should you tell kids about sex? At that age, how detailed should you be? What harm, if any, occurs by waiting a little longer? What harm, if any, occurs by talking about sex too early?
- Sex sells. Think of Hardees or Herbal Essence. These two companies sell hamburgers and hair products and yet they both use sex to sell their products. What makes sex a successful marketing tool? Why is it important to limit the amount of “stuff” that you see? (Proverbs 4:23 – guard your heart with all diligence for out of it flow the issues of life).
- MTV, VH1, E!, Cosmopolitan, Maxim, the school systems...everybody's talking about sex. Why do you think the church has kept silent? Why are sexual sins so hard to talk about? What are the consequences of the church's silence? What benefits do you see of the church talking about God's plan for sex? What is God's plan? Can you back up your belief with scripture?
- We've all heard horror stories how a church has ostracized a young unwed pregnant girl. Why does the church view sexual sin as a higher level sin than others? What do you suppose Jesus would have to say about this double standard? (John 8:1-11)
- Do you find it hard to be real with your spouse about your struggles in this area? Why is it difficult to share your struggles with your spouse? How does an accountability partner help in these situations?
- If you knew that sharing a past pain would help someone with their current pain, would you be willing? According to a recent poll in *Christianity Today*, 70% of American males between the ages 18-34 have viewed porn in the last month. Chances are someone in this room has dealt with or is dealing with the embarrassment and shame that comes from porn addiction. Would you share your story with someone if you knew it would help them out of their addiction? What would you say to them?
- Hebrews 13:4 says that marriage is to be honored by all. How can married couples and singles honor marriage?
- Read James 1:13-15. Where is the line between temptation and lust?

Here are some scriptures related to this subject for your study time.

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| ▪ Gen. 2:24 | ▪ 1 Cor. 10:13 |
| ▪ Matt. 15:19 | ▪ Eph. 4:18-24 |
| ▪ Rom. 1:25 | ▪ Eph. 5:3 |
| ▪ Rom. 13:13 | ▪ Gal. 5:19 |
| ▪ 1 Cor. 5:1 | ▪ Gal. 6:8 |
| ▪ 1 Cor. 6:9 | ▪ 1 Thess. 4:3-8 |
| ▪ 1 Cor. 6:12 | ▪ Hebrews 13:4 |
| ▪ 1 Cor. 10:8 | ▪ Jude 4 |

This page is a quiet time guide for the group for this week. Make enough copies for everyone.

SUNDAY

Ephesians 5:3. But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

Prayer: Lord, help me be completely pure and live a life above reproach. Uncover any hint of impurity or greed.

Question: Are you sexually pure? Sure, you're not sleeping around...but is there even a hint of impurity?

MONDAY

1 Corinthians 6:18. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.

Prayer: Lord, you've given us the strength to avoid sexual sin. Make us wise to the enemy's schemes. We don't want to fall into a trap.

Question: Are you asking yourself how far is too far, or are you running from sin?

TUESDAY

2 Samuel 11:2. One evening David got up from his bed and walked around on the roof of the palace. From the roof he saw a woman bathing. The woman was very beautiful, and David sent someone to find out about her.

Prayer: Lord, guard our eyes. Keep us focused on your purpose for our life.

Question: David's fall began with a look. What are you looking at that may cause you to stumble?

WEDNESDAY

Genesis 2:24. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Prayer: Lord, give us a healthy view of sex. We want to honor you and what you've created.

Question: Are you honoring God in your attitudes and actions regarding sex?

THURSDAY

1 Thessalonians 4:7-8. God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

Prayer: Lord, protect us from adultery at all costs.

Question: Have you set up boundaries and accountability to help keep yourself pure?

FRIDAY

Matthew 15:19-20. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what make a man 'unclean'; but eating with unwashed hands does not make him 'unclean.'

Prayer: Lord, purify our hearts. Teach us to love like you love.

Question: What types of words and deeds are coming from your heart?

SATURDAY

Proverbs 7:24-27. Now then, my sons, listen to me; pay attention to what I say. Do not let your heart turn to her ways or stray into her paths. Many are the victims she has brought down; her slain are a mighty throng. Her house is a highway to the grave, leading down to the chambers of death.

Prayer: Lord, help us take definitive steps to avoid sexual sin. Focus our attention on you and not circumstances that cause us to make poor decisions. We pray for the service tomorrow. Give Perry wisdom and discernment and help him deliver a message that hits the heart of our church body.

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