

MAIN POINT

God has designed family and sexuality in a specific way for His glory. We have all distorted this design in some way, but can have redemption through Jesus.

INTRODUCTION

If you could only learn about sex from pop culture, what would you learn?

What have you learned about sex from the church? Why do you think we don't often talk about sex and intimacy in church?

Churches can't afford to be quiet about sex, because no one else in our society is afraid to talk about it. Arguably, pop culture emphasizes everything about sex except for God's plan. Furthermore, as Christians, we have been given the truth about these issues. From the Old Testament to the New Testament, Scripture has a lot to say about God's design for sexual intimacy.

DISCUSSION

> **READ GENESIS 2:18-25 AND 1 CORINTHIANS 6:15-18.**

How would you characterize the relationship between Adam and Eve? Between God and man? What makes this kind of fellowship possible?

Why do you think marriage necessitates that a man leaves his family? What is the ultimate purpose of this?

Why would God set the context for human sexual expression? Why get involved at all?

How does being made in the image of God affect your personal sexual expression?

What is the point of Genesis 2:25? How has the perfection of this verse been broken by sin? How can we fight back against sin and pursue God's design for sex?

Reflecting on 1 Corinthians 6:15-18, if the cultures of 1st-century Corinth and 21st-century America have a wrong view of the body, what is a right view? From where is this view derived?

When Paul said "sexual immorality," what did he have in mind? How do we know?

How does fleeing from sexual immorality become our default response? What would that look like practically?

How does the cross redeem and bring value to our physical bodies? Why should this give us a greater sense of urgency to maintain purity in our lives and marriages?

APPLICATION

How has reading about God's design for sexual relationships changed the way you think about sex?