

WEEK 8 – THE POWER OF SEX

1 Thessalonians 4:3-8

1. YOUR SEX LIFE IMPACTS YOU PROFOUNDLY
2. YOUR SEX LIFE IMPACTS THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU
3. YOUR SEX LIFE IMPACTS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What part of the teaching stood out most to you? Why?
2. This week's message was about the power of sex and how if we don't respect it or use it correctly we could hurt ourselves and others. Do you have an example from your life of when you didn't respect how powerful something was or you didn't use something correctly and it resulted in you getting hurt? (i.e. Pastor Ryan's story about his uncle's pocket knife)
3. Pastor Ryan talked about how people will tend to either deify sex (make it a god) or debase sex (call it dirty or bad). Which viewpoint more accurately describes the way sex was talked about in the house you grew up in?
4. How would you describe our culture's view of sex? Who are the authorities that shape our culture's view? How would you describe the biblical view of sex to someone who has never heard it before?
5. The main ideas this week were that "Your sex life impacts you profoundly", "Your sex life impacts the people around you" and "Your sex life impacts your relationship with God." Basically, sex is powerful. What do you think makes it so powerful? Why do you think it has such an impact on us?
6. How did Jesus interact with people who had failed sexually? How should this influence the way we respond to our own failures? How should it influence how we respond to the failures or others?
7. Do you think it's worthwhile to try to convince someone who is not a Christian to live by a biblical sexual ethic? Why or why not?
8. Often times when we hear a teaching on a topic like sexual immorality we can leave feeling either convicted or condemned (or both). What's the difference between feeling convicted and feeling condemned? How can you tell the difference?