

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

Proverbs 5:15-23

MAIN IDEAS FROM THIS WEEK

1. THE GOODNESS OF SEX
2. THE POWER OF SEX
3. THE PURPOSE OF SEX

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS – Pick one or two of these to talk about as a group

1. What stood out to you most from this week's message? Why?
2. Sexuality is a major topic of debate in our culture. What challenges have you faced when trying to navigate the topic of sexuality? What are some guiding principles for Christians when discussing difficult topics with people we may disagree with?
3. There are two common misconceptions about sex in our society that Pastor Ryan called the "prudish view" and the "pagan view" of sex. The prudish view sees sex in a primarily negative light and can portray it as inherently dirty or wrong. The pagan view sees sex as nothing more than another appetite for us to satisfied as needed. What view of sex were you taught in the home you grew up in? The prudish view? The pagan view? Something different?
4. Proverbs 5:15-23 presents a higher view of sex than both the prudish and pagan views. Read the passage together as a group and make a list of some ways that sex is described here. What are some other passages in the Bible that present a higher view of sex?
5. Proverbs 5:22-23 make it clear that sex is extremely powerful. To treat it as just another appetite is dangerous. On a scale of 1-5, where 1 = not that powerful and 5= extremely powerful, how would you rate your own view of how powerful sex is? Why did you choose that number?
6. God's design for human sexuality is that it is meant to be exclusively expressed inside of a lifelong commitment between one man and one woman in marriage. What are some passages of scripture that support this statement? What about this statement is easy for you to agree with? What about this statement is most difficult for you?
7. What are some ways you look to your current spouse or to the idea of the perfect marriage to be what only Jesus can be for you? What has been the result? How do we change?

A TRUTH TO TAKE WITH YOU: Regardless if we are single, married or divorced, we all need to experience the perfect love of Jesus in a deeply personal, life-changing way. It is only in Jesus that we find a perfect person who loves us perfectly.