

Water of Life Community Church

MARRIAGE

ADULTERY, SEDUCTION, AND DEATH

WEEK 3

1 CORINTHIANS 6:13-7:9

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

In a sermon series on marriage, we can't afford to be quiet about sex, because no one else in our society is ashamed to talk about it. Arguably, pop culture emphasizes everything about sex except for God's plan. Furthermore, as Christians, we must look at the greater story. We all come to this topic with different experiences and beliefs, but the truth is that it's worth the effort. When you pursue God's plan for it, God blesses you. Sex is a picture of the gospel.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ MATTHEW 26:21-26.

a. How did the disciples respond to Jesus' words that one of them would betray Him? Read Matthew 26:20. How did Judas respond to these words?

b. How might one who walked with Jesus for approximately three years, heard His teachings, and saw His miracles, still never believe in Him as God's Son?

c. Throughout His ministry, Jesus failed to meet the expectations many people had for the Messiah. What expectations might Judas have had that Jesus did not meet?

d. What expectations do you have for marriage? How do your expectations line up with Christ's mission and kingdom? How can we guard against becoming bitter like Judas when marriage doesn't measure up to our expectations? As a single person, how can you guard against becoming bitter in your singleness?

2. READ 1 CORINTHIANS 6:13-20.

a. What does Paul mean with his analogy of food here?

b. Ultimately, what is your body for? How does this truth go against the philosophy of culture?

- c. What does Paul mean with his analogy of a prostitute?
- d. Why is sexual sin particularly offensive to God?
- e. Why do you think Paul used the verb “flee” in regards to sexual immorality?
- f. What would it look like for you to flee sexual immorality, whether married or unmarried? In thought? In action? Does this only refer to the physical act of sex or is there a broader context here? Explain.
- g. What does it mean to you personally that your body is not your own?

3. READ 2 CORINTHIANS 7:10.

- a. What two types of sorrow does Paul discuss in verse 10?
- b. When it comes to sin, what is the difference between recognition and repentance?
- c. How does this verse help you understand how preventing betrayal takes place? Healing from betrayal takes place?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

- What characteristics of your life consistently show others that you are different and a changed person, focused on the cause of Christ above your personal desires? In what areas of your life do you need to work on this?
- Practically speaking, how can being laser-focused on the cause of Christ help us to run from sexual sins?
- If you're struggling, what should you do? Whom can you talk to?

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Reflect and think about the practical ways YOU feel cherished in any relationship (i.e. quality time, gifts, affirmation, etc.).

RESPOND

- One way to build trust is by CHERISHING your loved one. Respond this week by writing a list of reasons why you CHERISH your loved one and share it with them.

Also ... Subscribe to our e-devotionals by texting “edevotional” to 67076; or go to wolgroups.com and click on the eDevotional button for daily testimonies relating to this week's theme.

MEMORY VERSE

2 Corinthians 7:10, New International Version (NIV)

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

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