

king's chapel

Community Group Discussion Guide

Week of August 30, 2015

This Week's Focus: Sex is a gift from God to be enjoyed within the context of marriage that points to the Gospel.

“‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church.”

Ephesians 5:31-32

“Sex is a covenant renewal ceremony for marriage, the physical reenactment of the inseparable oneness in all other areas—economic, legal, personal, psychological—created by the marriage covenant. Sex renews and revitalizes the marriage covenant.” **Tim Keller**

Related Texts: Proverbs 5, 4:27, 14:12; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20, 7:3-5; Romans 7:1-4; Hebrews 13:4; Ephesians 5:25-33; Isaiah 53:5-6

Observations and Questions for Discussion:

- What was most inspiring about this week's sermon/text?
- The Bible teaches that sexual fulfillment should be understood in terms of limits and liberation. Explain what this means and why it is important to maintain limits while allowing for joyful liberation. Do you tend to lean toward limits or liberation? Why?
- What are the biblical limits of sexual fulfillment? Reference Proverbs 5:1-6 and Hebrews 13:4. Why does God intend sexual fulfillment to be found only within the context of the marriage covenant?
- “Sex that is inward focused and is all about meeting my needs alone, provides a physical answer to personal problems.” Do you agree with the preceding statement? What lie does self-indulgent sex perpetuate?

- Why does sex as an anesthetic seem to work? What are the immediate consequences of sexual immorality? What are the ultimate consequences of unrepentant sexual immorality? Reference Proverbs 5:1-14 and 14:12.
- How is sexual sin unlike other sin? Reference 1 Corinthians 6:18-20. Is it the unpardonable sin?
- Discuss how true, lasting sexual fulfillment is only experienced in a fully committed marriage relationship. Reference Proverbs 5:18-19 and 1 Corinthians 7:3-5.
- How do marriage and sexual fulfillment serve as an illustration of Jesus and his love for his Church? Reference Ephesians 5:25-33. What are some ways you can work at cultivating greater intimacy with your spouse? What are some practical ways we can worship God and live on gospel mission through our intimate marriage relationships?