



God's Design for Sexuality

Part A: Taking God at His Word

Sunday, January 31/20 ---

Therefore, a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. – Gen. 2:24 – 25

This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church. – Eph. 5:32

Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. – Hebrew 13:4

We have been sexually disciplined by the world. What I mean is that we have been taught to see sexuality from the world's narrative... most Christians are more familiar with how to view sexuality through a cultural lens than with a Biblical perspective. – Juli Slattery, Rethinking Sexuality

We should not be ashamed to discuss what God was not ashamed to create. – Howard Hendricks

Sermon Outline:

- i. *Don't Ask – Don't Tell: Reclaiming the Lost Territory of Holy Sexuality*

- ii. *Not in my Backyard: The Deeply Personal Nature of Sexual Brokenness*

- iii. *We've all Got Baggage: Creating a Culture of Grace in a Climate of Shame*

- iv. *God has a Plan: Recovering a Biblical View of Sexuality in Covenant Love*



Study and Discussion Questions – God's Design for Sexuality: Taking God at His Word

Open It

1. What stood out to you in the selection of Scriptures that were read during the message?
2. How did sex and sexuality conversations take place in your home when you were young?

Explore It

3. What were the primary sources of your own 'sexual discipleship'?
4. As a parent how would you (or did you) handle this subject with your children differently than how your parents did?
5. When you find yourself in a conversation with an unbeliever about sexuality / gender choices being presented today, what do you think is the best approach?
6. How can the church overcome some of our dysfunction of the past (climate of shame) in helping to bring hope and healing to those whose sexual brokenness is crippling?

Get It

7. What has been most helpful to you in having a more holy and wholistic view of sex?
8. Has too much emphasis been placed on sexual identity in our culture? In the church?
9. How have other Christians been a source of blessing to you in experiencing healing and wholeness as a single or married person?

Apply It

10. What is one action step that you could take as a result of this message / study?