



JESUS TALKS: SEXUALITY

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Life Group Discussion Questions:

1. Thinking back on this week's sermon, was there a particular point that stood out to you or challenged you?
2. Pastor Derek said, "Jesus is the primary authority on sex - it was his idea!" What assures us that it is, indeed, true that sex was Jesus' idea?
3. What did Jesus mean in **Matthew 5:27-30** when he said someone could commit adultery in their heart? What point was Jesus making by using extreme images such as plucking your eye out or cutting your hand off?
4. Read **Matthew 19:3-12**. Why do you think Jesus began his answer to the Pharisees by going back to the very beginning of creation?
5. What were the only two options Jesus gave relating to sexuality? What did Pastor Derek say are the positive aspects of these two options?
6. In your own life or in other people's lives, what negative consequences have you observed from sexual experience outside of marriage?
7. In your lifetime, what do you believe has been the single biggest shift in people's view of sexuality?
8. Respond to this common cultural statement: Chastity is negative, out of date, and a suppression of our sexuality.
9. If we abandon Scripture as our authority for our lives as sexual beings, what other acceptable authority is there for someone who follows Jesus Christ?
10. Recognizing our own sinful nature, what attitude should we have toward every person God has created, no matter what their sexual struggles are? Refer to **Matthew 22:37-39**.
11. Application:
 - How can we practice a life-style of love toward people who are grappling with issues relating to their sexuality?
 - How can your Life Group help you "live a holy life, " as Paul urges believers in **1 Thessalonians 4:1-7**?

Prayer Thought: Thank our Lord for the privilege of loving Him and loving others because of Him.

Series Memory Verse: "Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock." **Matthew 7:24**