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**Jesus Christ and Sexuality**

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

**Key Truth:** Jesus calls His followers to a standard of living that sets them apart from the rest of the world.

**God And Sex:**

1. God created sex for the enjoyment of marriage and the

 fulfillment of His purpose for humanity.

2. Sex was perverted when sin entered into the spiritual DNA of

 humanity.

3. Salvation brings about the redemption of humanity into a

 loving relationship with God therefore bringing every area of

 the disciple’s life under the lordship of Jesus Christ.

**How To Live In A Sex Crazed Society:**

1. We must embrace what God says about sex and our new

 identity.

2. We must realize the consequences that sexual immorality

 causes in our life, the church and society.

3. Having a right to do something doesn’t mean it is beneficial

 to our spiritual walk.

4. We must stop making excuses for sinful sexual behavior.

5. We must guard our eyes, ears, and hearts from the pull of

 sinful sexual gratification.

6. We surrender our rights to the authority and power of God.

7. Reject the notion that it’s better to ask for forgiveness rather

 than permission.

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Look to God’s Word and the Holy Spirit as our guides regarding sexual purity. If you are living in sexual sin repent and trust God to work in your life to bring about His perfect will.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

How would you describe our culture’s view of sex? How is sex portrayed in various forms of media (social, movies, music, etc.)?

What do you think is the primary source that people in our community end up trusting for their convictions about sexual behavior?

Read Revelation 2:18-29: From this passage, what do we learn about the strengths of the church at Thyatira? What are its weaknesses?

Verses 21-23 include Jesus’ harsh word of warning to the guilty in Thyatira. Why is sexual immorality so serious in God’s eyes?

What does the symbolic name “Jezebel” reveal about the women in this church (see 2 Kings 9:7-37)?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20: How do we see the truth of the gospel confirmed in verses 18-20? What does it mean that our bodies are not our own?

Do you agree that sexual sins have a more personal impact than “every other sin”?

How might Christians appear different to a fallen world if we lived up to a higher calling in regards to sex, as Jesus challenged the church at Thyatira to do?