

## CONNECTION

- When you were growing up, how was sex viewed or discussed within your family?

## OPENING PRAYER

## SCRIPTURE

- Genesis 2:24
- 1 Corinthians 6:18 - 20
- 1 Corinthians 7:3 - 5

## EXTRA RESOURCES (to share in your group):

- [Video | Tim Keller "A Biblical view on pre-marital sex"](#)
- [Video | Mark Comer "What is sex"](#)

## CONVERSATIONS

- The Bible is often accused of holding a low view of sex while the culture holds a very high view of sex. However, a careful look at the Scriptures reveals the exact opposite. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
- The Bible lists three purposes for sex...
  - 1. Procreation (Genesis 1:28)
  - 2. Sexual pleasure between a husband and wife (see Song of Songs)
  - 3. Becoming 'one flesh' (Genesis 2:24).
    - What does the Bible mean when it talks about becoming 'one flesh'?
    - How is this in stark contrast to the views of our culture?
    - In light of the biblical view of becoming 'one flesh' what are the negative consequences of participating in sex outside of the bonds of marriage between a husband and a wife?
- Read 1 Corinthians 6:18 - 20 - Our culture celebrates and promotes sex pretty much everywhere.

- What is the difference between our culture's view of freedom and a biblical view of freedom? Why is biblical freedom a better kind of freedom?
- What are some ways that we can 'flee' from sexual immorality short of living off the grid in the far north?
- Not all sexual temptation comes from outside of us. The famous Christian leader Martin Luther once said, " You cannot keep birds from flying over your head but you can keep them from building a nest in your hair." What does he mean?
- Read 1 Corinthians 7:3 - 5.
  - How do we see sacrificial love displayed here?
  - What are some of the pressures within marriage around sex?
  - How do men and women generally see connection differently (i.e physically vs. emotionally)?
  - How is sex the oil in the engine of marriage?
- If our culture says that your highest happiness is found in having sex, how do single Christians navigate and respond to that?
- How are Christians the new "sexual rebels" in our culture? How can we be beacons of light culture ?

### **RIDGE CHURCH REMINDERS:**

- Bible in One Year | Join us! (Daily links on website)
- Seniors Social Feb 17th 1-3pm
- RIDGE CHURCH AGM Sunday Feb 26th (after service)

### **PRAYER:**

- **Connections:** As we welcome so many new families to our Ridge Church, we pray that they would feel welcome and connect easily.
- **Serving:** With so much growth, comes opportunities to grow our ministry teams. We pray that our church would step into what God is doing and find their place to use their gifts and abilities in Jesus' name.



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