

Sex Series Lesson 1

Purpose: Define Love & Sex in the Christian Perspective. Define biblically how we as Christians should think about sex and love. Also, look at self in context of sex. De-demonize the concept of Sex in our minds.

Outline:

Introduction: Hot or Not Game

- I. Imago Dei
 - a. Created for a connection → we as humans are different from the rest of creation! We are both physical and Spiritual
 - b. Heaven vs. Hell
 - c. Respecting the Divine Image and Locker Room Talk
 - i. Not respecting divine image hurts not only the person but us. Something happens (ex: Torture)
 - d. Task as Image Bear is to watch over creation

- II. Sex is
 - a. Our awareness of how profoundly we're severed cut off & disconnected
 - b. All the ways we go about trying to reconnect

 - c. *Secare* Latin for "to sever, to amputate or to disconnect"
 - d. Small % of Sex is what happens between two people experiencing pleasure
 - i. Celibate vs. Prostitution

- III. Two ways we usually view sex
 - a. Animals (deny our spirit)
 - i. Sex Educations Assumption
 - ii. Spring Break
 1. primal, base of person's behavior
 - b. Angels (deny sex)
 - i. "the denial of the physical and the failure to acknowledge that our sexuality is central to what makes us human"
 - c. Animals and Angels were created before humans

IV. Five Love Languages & Love (Chapter 5 Sex God)
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SEX SERIES WEEK 1 FULL MANUSCRIPT

Introduction: Hot or Not Game

Tonight we are going to start a new series on Sex / Love. I want to encourage you and plead with you that you all make it a top priority to come each week. This week we will begin defining Sex, next week we are going to look more into this definition and look at Marriage and God's ideal. The third week we are going to have an all night small group discussion where we will break up into genders and grades and discuss the questions you have. I'll talk more about that later. When you think about sex what first comes to your mind? (Answers) This can be an extremely awkward topic, it is so awkward that very often we just avoid the topic all together, but why is it awkward? Think about it whenever you watch a comedy or SNL or most "teenage" movies they will always talk about sex? Why is that? We laugh like crazy when we hear jokes made about sex! But for some reason when we talk about it with friends and especially at church it becomes this weird topic. Well I love being weird so we are going to spend 4 more five weeks talking about it!!! Why should we talk about it at church? Well, as Christians we believe God created us, and thus by deduction God created our arms, and our legs and the stuff under our unmentionables.

Transiton: In a few minutes we are going to give a defention for sex, but right now Let's start by talking about creation..

V. Imago Dei—Genesis 1:27

God made us different than all other beings, he made us to be connected to Him! He wanted us to be in relationship with us. If we look at this verse we realize that he made a man and a woman! He wanted us to have a connection. Everyone say Connection...

As humans we were created for connection. Just look at our society, we have clubs for everything imaginable, sororities, fraternaties, sports teams, churches, etc. We were made to be connected. Ultimately we were made to be connected to God. We all bear the Divine Image. We were made in the image of God.

Heaven and Hell can both be found on earth. We see them all around us. Heaven on earth is seen in Christ, there is a point there is a purpose The idea of Hell mean "random" it is meaningless. There is a phrase often used "for the hell of it" there was no point to doing it, you just did it. Very often we invite this pointlessness into our own lives

A minute ago we did a hot or not game, but very often this is done not as a joke. I remember locker room discussions when I was in school that talked about women. They turned the image of a woman from divine image to an object. We find ourselves doing this to our neighbors all the time. We turn our

As image Bearers our task is to watch over creation. We are to take care of others. This is not just for the others benefits this is for our benefit, think about what happens when you turn a person into an object, a little bit of your connection to God your image of God dies, your heart gets hardened

Ex: Tortures are not just hurting those they torture they are also hurting themselves. When we hurt or decrease the image of God in someone else we hurt or decrease this image in us.

TRANSITION: Now lets think about the definition of sex. What is sex? I want to give you a brand new definition of sex, one that I never thought about before doing research for this talk and one that we don't think about as a culture.

VI. Sex is two parts

- a. *Secare* Latin for "to sever, to amputate or to disconnect"
- b. Our awareness of how profoundly we're severed cut off & disconnected
- c. All the ways we go about trying to reconnect

Heaven is God's ideal but we have found ourselves disconnected from God and because of this we are looking to reconnect. Sex is the ultimate way that we reconnect.

Our disconnect from God is not just with other humans/each other. It is with creation as well! Think about where your trash goes? When I use to backpack we would find our selves very much in tune with nature, so much so that I very often could predict if it was going to rain or not, it is a weird feeling, we were wary not to leave any trash behind, but when I got back to camp in a few days I would throw away stuff without thinking about it.

The garden of Eden before the fall did not have this disconnect! In fact it was very much connected. All the animals and people lived together with each other NAKED!

From a very early age we have a desire to reconnect

- d. Small % of Sex is what happens between two people experiencing pleasure

With this as our definition of Sex, sex is seen in a very new light

- i. Celibate vs. Prostitution

Some of the sex acts in the world are not at all sexual and some of the least sexual acts in the world are very sexual

Think about Prostitution, there is not connection in this, yet it is sex.

“Our sexuality is all the ways we strive to reconnect with our world, with each other, & with God”

Think about peoples profile pics on facebook or myspace, some of them are very sexual in nature, they are trying to reconnect with others around them, and have been taught that to be an object you will be accepted so they use this method to reconnect.

The more sex you have with more people you actually do the opposite of what you intend, you become more and more disconnected more and more lonely!

“it’s just sex” or “casual sex” or “friends with benefits” turn sex away from a connection into something that is just an act.

Celibate people are some of the most sexual people in the world. They are connected to everyone, they have given up sex to free their life so that they can use their life for connecting!

VII. Two ways we usually view sex

Now there are two ways we view sex in our culture and our church that can be very dangerous when we think about reconnecting!

- a. Animals (deny our spirit)

Many of us view sex like what Rob Bell calls animals. There was a song that came out when I was in High school it said, “you and me baby we ain’t nothing but mammals so lets do it like they do on the discovery channel”

This idea of sex is that we are all animals, we are all primal we

i. Sex Educations Assumption

Sex Ed in most schools assumes that teenagers can not avoid sex. They don’t view it as a connection between two people, but an animalistic drive and therefore don’t worry about teaching morality, but teach how to avoid consequences of sex!

They forget the broken connections that come about because of sexual encounters, there main concern is not getting more babies and STDs they believe that teenagers can not abstain. Which really is a low view of you! This view has a real loss of hope. Our world and even education system is telling you it is impossible for you to abstain!

ii. Spring Break

1. primal, base of person’s behavior

Spring break is a place where we see this animalistic view of sex wide open in humans, the goal of most people going to Spring Break is to get drunk and have as much sex as possible, once again no connection with anyone, only an animalistic drive so why not let that animal drive run you.

The Geek culture around Jesus’ time also had this view of sex, “food for the stomach and stomach for the food” was how they would talk about it! Sex was just another urge you had to take care of just like eating or poeing.

b. Angels (deny sex)

The other option is what Rob Bell Calls Angels

In this view we “the denial of the physical and the failure to acknowledge that our sexuality is central to what makes us human” Instead of realizing we are sexual creatures made by God we deny our sex all together.

This is the option we very often choose in the church! Very often we choose to deny sex all together and not even talk about it! This becomes destructive, because God gave us physical bodies and sex is a huge part of that physical body! To deny our sexuality is to deny that physical body and without a physical body we become like angels

Animals and Angels were created before humans when you look at creation. To embrace either view of sex is to move backwards in the order of creation!

When we think about Sex we must think about Love? What is Love???

VIII. Five Love Languages & Love (Chapter 5 Sex God

People show love and connect to others in many different ways. Gary Chapman pointed out that most people express love in one of the following ways...

Words of Affirmation

Quality Time

Receiving Gifts

Acts of Service

Physical Touch

LOVE

Love is giving away power, giving away pride, and giving away control! It is ultimate humility. When someone says that love you in a relationship you are putting it on them to respond with I love you. You are facing rejection!

Example: Video of man getting rejected

Song of Songs 6:3- "Mutual Abandon" if one holds back it does not work!

Jesus Christ, God making the first move and then waiting for a response.

Agape- Love God has for the World and Love a man has for a woman in the Submit passages (Ephesians 5:22)

Agape-

Doesn't love b/c they're worthy

Makes them worthy by the strength and power of its love

Doesn't love b/c they're beautiful

Loves in such a way that it makes them beautiful

It does not need a reason it is unconditional!

Conclusion Introduce Xbox 360

What is the best way to make this Connection? What is the best way to reconnect?