

SEX BOX 360 Questions



PREFACE TO ANSWERING QUESTIONS...

We are going to try to answer these questions in light of our...
New Definition of Sex

Sex is 1) Our awareness of how profoundly we're severed cut off & disconnected 2) All the ways we go about trying to reconnect

New Definition of Marriage

Sex is Marriage & Marriage is Sex- Because of the powerful emotional, physical, psychological connection that is sex you have made a marriage commitment when you have sex. In God's eyes when you have Sex you just Married the Person.

Definition of Love

Agape- Unconditional Love, the love God has for the world = the love a husband is commanded to have for his wife. This love is not based on beauty or worth, but actually makes the person it loves beautiful and worthy because of how it loves them!

A Statement of Love...

Just because you don't like the answer we are give you does not make the answer we are giving you is wrong! We love you and care about you and have seen the good and bad in the world. We have seen how sex has greatly affected and even ruined lives and we have seen how sex in the right context has led to a better marriage and a better life! We want this for you and that is why we share with you what wisdom and understanding of the world we have picked up.

I would love to talk with you about any of these questions anytime!!! I am without doubt still learning when it comes to sexuality. Please come to me with any disagreements or questions you have! We don't have to in the middle of a Sex Series at youth group to talk about Sex.

--Jennings

The SEX Questions...

(Jennings Answers & Comments are in red)

- How old should you be to have it?
 - Age is not the issue, but commitment. The commitment of Marriage, the total giving yourself away to someone else and the unconditional love that comes with that commitment that makes you able to be intimate.
- If you are forced to have sex and you are not married is it still as sin?
 - I believe this comes down to a heart issue with God. God looks at our hearts and understands where we are. I would say rape is never a sin for the one who is abused. The girl in this case is still free from sin. God is always on the side of the oppressed. Think about His character throughout Scripture.
- If you get raped and pregnant will God get mad? Even though it wasn't your fault?
 - Again I would say that God looks at our hearts ultimately. All throughout scripture God is on the side of the oppressed and marginalized people. He is on the side of the ones who have been beaten down. Think about the beatitudes in Matthew 5.
- Um... well if God created sex as a good, holy thing that he wants you to do, and he created it to be a good thing, why is it so strongly demoted? And why do religious people give up sex for life?
 - First Question: We demote sex because we have a bad perspective of what it really is. Sex is a beautiful thing! God created it! We should never demote it! We should celebrate it! In fact a marriage is in a sense a celebration of the Sex the couple is going to partake in.
 - Second Question: Celibate people are sometimes the most sexual people. In light of the new definition of sex, Celibate people give up sex so they can connect to more people. They don't have the commitment of marriage to get in their way so they are free to connect and live their lives for so many more lives! A celibate person giving up sex for religious reasons is doing just this. They are saying instead of living my life in a marriage I am going to take that commitment of marriage and give it to my ministry. In a sense it is like they are marrying the church as Christ has married the Church.
- Should you keep the baby if you were raped?
 - This is an extremely difficult topic. I would say yes. There are really two victims of rape in this case. 1) the mother and 2) the baby. It is not the baby's fault that a rape occurred, it is the man's fault. Why should the baby be killed for the man's sin? There are a lot of people who want to adopt so this is also a viable option. On a bigger perspective we see time and time again God using a tragedy to do something great! Perhaps God

can use this horrible tragedy of rape that is completely against his will and turn it into something that is awesome and brings Him glory. There is hope in tragedy. An analogy of this is after a disaster many people come back to faith. Tragedy wakes us up. Suffering makes us strong. Who knows what plans and purpose God may have for this baby if it was allowed to live!

- I know there are a lot of slang words for sex-like blow drying- but I don't know the actual names. Some times I hear things that sound sexually relevant but I'm not sure who to ask. So my question is what are the slang words for sex?
 - There are millions (maybe thousands) of slang words for sex. It would be hard to list them all. Most of the time if your friends are using a word you don't recognize and laughing about it they most likely are making a sexual reference. If you hear a word you are unsure about a good place to check it's definition is www.urbandictionary.com
- Why is Sex important?
 - Sex is important because it is how we go about reconnecting to God. In its right context we are actually able to better understand how God loves us! It is also important because it connects us to the person we marry. It is such a strong connection that it makes two people one. It is also important to talk about because if we don't understand how to go about doing sex it has the power to greatly hurt us.
- How does sex and religion go together?
 - God created us so God created sex! He had a reason for giving us sex! He also created it for us to learn how He loves us! All throughout Scripture we see that Marriage and God's Love for us are compared to each other. We understand God by looking at marriage! We understand God's love by looking at sex and the love a man and woman share!
- When does the church say it is okay to have sex?
 - When you reach the commitment of Marriage. This is what the church says! That is why Marriage for believers is done at a church by a pastor and not in a court room!
- I have a friend who had sex with a guy, but said God didn't show signs of God not wanting her to do it. What would I tell her?
 - You should approach your friend humbly in this situation. I would ask them several questions: What sign were you looking for from God? Did the Bible play any part in you making the decision to have sex? God is very plain in the Bible how he intends for sex to be played out by humans. Just because we don't receive a sign does not mean that we should go ahead with something. Signs are usually an affirmation of going through with something that is unclear. I think that the sex issue is very clear in the Bible and does not require a sign for us as to whether marriage is needed or not to do it. I'm speculating here but I would think that your friend has not been talked to about sex. They probably learned about it on their own. They sound like they base there decisions on a sign from God

only instead of on the many other ways God reveals himself to us. I would encourage them to look at scripture for answers to this.

- What happens during Sex?
 - Oh No Biological Question!!!! ANNA PLEASE HELP!!!! But on the spiritual side, a deep emotional, spiritual, and psychological connection is made between the man and woman. One that is both taking and giving at the same time. The best ideal is that both man and woman are trying to give completely of themselves not holding anything back and trying to make their partner completely pleased and satisfied as opposed to trying to take something away. (I fail at having this perspective all the time) If both are fully giving to the other, then both are fully connected.
- When are you “supposed” to have sex according to the church?
 - The church would say in the committed relationship of a marriage. This is the ideal and most beneficial place that sex takes place. This also puts a high view on sex.
- What’s Love Got to do with it?
 - Agape Love!!! You can never be more free in a relationship when that love is unconditional!!! No matter what they will never leave me or forsake me.
- Is Sex before Marriage bad? What makes it so bad if so? Why is it so sacred, why isn’t it normal?
 - There are several things going on in this line of questioning. 1st where is your heart when it comes to your faith. The bible is very clear that marriage is where sex happens. Our culture around us is very clear that sex is what you do on the second or third date. So you have to choose in a sense which option you want to choose. Sex without commitment is bad. Even if you “love” the person I would press you and ask is it Agape love? It is completely unconditional? Really the only place we see Agape love coming to fruition is in a commitment to the other person. Sex is a grown up act and it requires a grown up commitment. If I as a married person was to hug, or hold hands or even make out with another woman I think my wife could forgive me with time, but if I was to have sex with another woman it would destroy our marriage even if she could forgive me! It is a sacred act. One that should be respected. Sex is powerful and it has potential for great love or great lust. It has the potential to affirm love or to destroy a relationship. What I’m trying to push for is a higher more sacred view of Sex. Sex is not kissing, it is not holding hands, it is something so much more. Think too about your wedding night. When you come to have sex with your wife or husband how many people are you inviting into that bed with you? Are all your past sexual experiences coming to bed with you? Are all the connections that you made in the past coming to bed with you? If so then there are conditions and expectations placed on your new wife or husband. Will they perform will they be good at it? Sex goes beyond normal. Just step back a minute and look at how damaging it is when it is done in the wrong context. It has power!!! It has a lot of power! It is like playing with electricity it is something that is

good in the right context but will kill you (emotionally) in the wrong context. When we view sex as sacred we start to view marriage as sacred and thus we start to see that waiting is worth it.

- What percentage of Americans wait until marriage to have sex?
 - Most Americans do not wait until marriage to have sex! But most Americans learn how to have sex from their TV or from a locker room. Most Americans end up with a hard heart on the issue.

FIRST-TIME EXPERIENCES

Median age of first premarital sex, by age group

Turned 15 in:	Age in 2002-03	Median age at first premarital sex
1954-63	55-64	20.4
1964-73	45-54	18.6
1974-83	35-44	18.0
1984-93	25-34	17.3
1994-2003	15-24	17.6

Source: Public Health Reports

- Is there anything in me before I get pregnant? Like a creature?
 - There is an egg and when the sperm meets the egg you become prego!
 - Also if you are a meat eater then there is a creature in you every time you eat. Sometimes it is a chicken or a cow, occasionally a pig.☺
- What do you think is the best thing to do when you hear your friends are talking about sex with the “locker room” mentality?
 - Pray for them. The ones you know well and feel God pressing on you to talk to you should find time for one-on-one conversation. America is hurting sexually. We look at women as objects and wonder why we have pedophiles. We produce pornography that is accessible to children and we wonder why there is rape. We are training kids to be sexually dysfunctional.
- Why is it bad?
 - This is the idea we are trying to get away from. SEX is not bad!!! It is a beautiful thing!! It is something God created for us to enjoy. It is powerful and has the power to deeply connect two people into one person. This is a beautiful and wonderful thing. It does not become bad until it

becomes abused. Just like anything wonderful it can be turned into something it was not meant for. This is why we are trying to figure out the best way to think about Sex!

- How do you think the youth group should deal with the media's advertising of sex (the wrong kind)
 - I think it would be good for us to aware of how powerful sex is and know the purpose of the media using it. It reminds us that sex sells! It is also good to see what media says about sex. Some of it is good! Some of it not so good! We should always watch media with a learning eye. If we something we don't like on TV we should throw a rolled up sock at it. ☺
- Why can't unmarried people have sex when they are in love?
 - What is your reason for having sex? Is it an expression of love? Are there other ways you can show love? What is your definition of love? Ultimately when you have sex you are doing a married act. If you are not willing to commit to that person then why do you want to have sex even if you are in love? I love a lot of girls but I am not going to have sex with them. I may love my daughter or son with agape love completely unconditional but I would not have sex with them. Sex is something that is meant to be shared by the deepest commitment of all. Think again about the power that sex has to connect and to hurt. This power is amazing! Go to the other extreme, Why not have sex on the first date? Why not have sex before you date someone? Why not have sex with all of your friends? Why should this be avoided? Because there is a progression in life. We age and we grow in maturity. In a sense sex is something you do when you mature in your relationship. I know this is hard to hear but if you want to do grown up acts you have to be willing to do grow up things. If you want to have sex you have to be ready to raise a child. Also sex can keep you from seeing the person clearly. If you really love someone and you are trying to get to know them more intimately the greatest way to destroy that progression is to have sex with them. You put something in the relationship that blinds you from who you are trying to get to know and love.
- What does God say about pre-marital sex?
 - Well...

Galatians 5:19-22 ¹⁹The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: **sexual immorality**, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

And Jesus Said..

Matthew 15:16-20 ¹⁶"Are you still so dull?" Jesus asked them. ¹⁷"Don't you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? ¹⁸But the things that come out of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man 'unclean.'
¹⁹For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, **sexual immorality**, theft,

false testimony, slander.²⁰ These are what make a man 'unclean'; but eating with unwashed hands does not make him 'unclean.' "

I think it is great here that Jesus points out that it is a heart issue. The question on this whole topic is where is your heart? Are you willing to submit to the teachings of the OT? Or the teachings of NT? Or how about the words out of Jesus' mouth? If not where is your view of sex coming from? Where do you get your moral compass? Jesus is very clear that these are the things that lead us to be unclean.

Sexual Immorality = πορνεία fornicia- the word we now refer to as Fornication.

This word is defined as

πορνεία, ας, ἡ (of various kinds of '**unsanctioned sexual intercourse**': Demosth. et al.; LXX, En, Test12Patr; GrBar [in vice lists]; Ascls, Philo, apolog. exc. Ar. W. φθορά Iren. 1, 28, 1 [Harv. I 220, 14])

From BDAG Greek Dictionary...

1. unlawful sexual intercourse, prostitution, unchastity, fornication,
2. participation in prohibited degrees of marriage, fornication
3. immorality of a transcendent nature, fornication, in imagery, of polytheistic cult in the mystic city Babylon, which appears in Rv as a prostitute with an international clientele. Fr. the time of Hosea the relationship betw. God and his people was regarded as a marriage bond. This usage was more easily understandable because some Semitic and Graeco-Roman cults were at times connected w. sexual debauchery

- How do you tell a friend about sex when they aren't a Christian?
 - This is difficult and requires a close friendship. It is almost impossible for a non-Christian friend to accept something from a Christian perspective. We realize that God has an ideal for us and wants what is best for us and so we submit to his will, sometimes even when we are unsure why. Now I would say I have seen why on the sex issue that God wants us to wait. It is a powerful and destructive or beneficial act. We can see most of America does not wait to have sex. It is all over the TV and proven by statistical polling. The real answer to Sex is that we understand why and for what our Creator created it. If we don't understand this we have no reason to wait.
- Where do you put it?
 - Define it?
- If you're engaged and are planning to get married would it still be a "sin" to have sex before you are actually married?
 - My question back to you would be what is the advantage of having sex right before you get married? Why can't you wait? If you are already committed to the person and you truly have agape type love that is unconditional. Your love for them is not based on their looks, or how good they are in the sack or anything like that why can't you wait? If God requires a commitment and you are pursuing God why can't you wait until you make that covenant before God with that person? The commitment is just as huge as the sex. They are not mutually exclusive but go together. I have seen engagements broken. I have seen the pain it caused and they were still not connected sexually. The other cool thing is to be able to get

to your wedding night and have no regrets. It is like a fresh pure start. Waiting till you get married is actually exciting! There is a build up, you have friends even getting excited with you! (like we see in Song of Songs) When you walk down the aisle in the white dress or you as the groom waiting at the end you know that you are going into the marriage with the purest motives possible. Sex without the commitment is dangerous. And really Sex should not be the primary thing that you are doing while you are dating; sex actually gets in the way of what you should be doing during dating.

- How do you do it?
 - Ask your Parents 😊

- Is it okay to date one steady person if you don't think you're going to marry them?
 - We are going to get into this some when we talk about dating. You need to figure out what is the purpose of Dating. Dating really is a progression or step toward marriage. There are several reasons we might enter into a dating relationship without the intention of marriage.

1) Just to get to know someone better. If it is this reason then you probably don't want to date them. Because if it is just to get to know them then when you break up all that time you spent getting to know them is broken. The "let's just be friends" usually results in you not being friends.

2) You want your friendship and attraction to be more. If this is the case you have to ask yourself "What is the "more" that you want from dating? Do you want; to make out, hold hands, have fun, or even have sex? Then you have to ask why do you want "more" If you are not seeking to commit to that person? Is the more just for selfish reasons? Is the "more" a replacement for God? Why do you want to be in the relationship if you are not seeking a commitment later? We really have to learn how to be single. We have to find our identity in God before we date. The person you date or marry will never complete what a connection with God can complete.

3) You want to have a commitment to someone or someone to call your own. I would say this has good intentions but why do you need this? You can learn a lot more about a person, about who they are, and what they are about if you don't date.

So the real question here is what is your purpose for dating them? Even in the first week of dating Anna I thought marriage could be a possibility. Breakup is always a possibility too.

Another Thing in all relationships we have a DTR- Define The Relationship. This is something you should think about before dating. Make sure the person you are entering in a relationship with is clear as to your intentions and you are clear as to theirs. This makes the relationship not a selfish "I'll get what I want" but a shared agreement.

- Say you were raped would you loose your virginity? (middle school)
 - This has to do with physical and spiritual. Physically no you are not a virgin. But looking at the heart God would say you are still a virgin. I really believe this.

- Do you have to have sex during a woman's period to have a kid?
 - No I think it is actually the other way around. Women usually don't want to have sex during their period anyway. This is when their body is flushing out baby stuff that was not used. I would never ask your wife to have sex during their period. You might find your self sleeping on the couch. 😊 But great question.

- Why is there so much sex on TV and why are a lot of songs about sex?
 - TV and music's number one goal is to make money! The media will use whatever influences us to do that. Sex has a huge influence on us. It is extremely powerful. Producers and directors realize this and capitalize on this. Sex also has a lot of mystery and questions surrounding it along with a lot of vulnerability. TV and music are trying to figure these things out as well. Music very often sings about sex because it is emotional too. Sex and music are both very emotional outlets and they go together. The Song of Songs is an example of a Song all about Sex. Song of Songs implies that it is the greatest song every. The Greatest song in the Bible is all about Sex!!! Sex is extremely important in our lives. This is why it is so important that we understand what to do with it.

- Is having Sex before marriage a sin?
 - Yes!!!! But having Sex in marriage can be a sin too if Lust is involved!
- Why is sex bad outside of marriage?
 - Most people would say it is good. Everyone is telling you it is good outside of marriage. It is natural. But it is natural to do a lot of things we don't do. If we all acted on our nature we would be in a world of hurt. It is "bad" outside of marriage because of what it does to your heart, what it does to the person you are with and what it does to the relationship. Read above responses too.

- Who did God have sex with to get Jesus?
 - Remember that God is not a physical but spiritual creature. He does not work like we do. He created us and we have sex, but God is outside of the physical world and is spiritual. Jesus was conceived by the Virgin Mary so really there was no sex involved! He was a miracle baby! His incarnation something outside of our reality.

- Why is there same-sex attraction?
 - This is a great question and one that would take hundreds of hours to answer/discuss and would take the entire time to work through. We will

address this issue later. Right now I would say when we look at the bible to understand Sex it does not tell us anything about same-sex relationships in marriage. It is always about Man and Woman, wife and husband. If you think about it this makes sense. God created order in the world. He created sex for pleasure and for reproduction. There is always a higher purpose in all the order God created. Jesus Death produces life! Suffering produces resolve and maturity. Sex between man and woman serves the higher purpose of making babies. It is not random or without purpose. The purpose of sex is love but there is also a higher calling behind it. I (Jennings) would love to have a discussion day devoted to this topic so we can hash out all of the issues and opinions and doctrine, and other baggage that comes with this topic. Gay/Lesbian issues are important and we need to talk about them as a church but we need a whole lot of time to do this. It takes more than a sound byte. Make sure I talk with you about this.

- Is there a chemical emitted during sex? And if so what does it do?
 - Dr. ANNA HELP!!!! Anna does have some great things to say about how sex is one of the only positive exchanges in the body.

- You can be a born-again Christian, but can you be a born-again Virgin?
 - Absolutely!!! God is all about forgiveness. Mistakes we have made, sin we have done, all of this can be forgiven! That's the whole point of the cross! There is no reason that having sex one time outside of marriage ruins your life! But it is still not ideal, it comes with emotional consequences that you will have to work through, but at the end of the day there is still forgiveness and you can always be restored to purity!

- Did Jesus Have Sex when he was on earth?
 - Nope not in the physical sense. Jesus was in a sense very sexual by our previous definition though because he was all about the greatest connection which was reconnecting God to Mankind!!! He was ushering in the Kingdom of Heaven! Like the Celibate he gave up sex for a higher calling and duty!

Weird and Bizarre Questions

- How Do Pigs Do Sex?
 - In the Muddiage Bed?
- Have you done it?
 - Yeah once or twice.
- Do you find James attractive?
 - Define Attractive?

- Why did Luke save his father on the death star after all he put Luke through? (9th)
 - Well the story of Star Wars has been attributed to the greatest story ever told which is the Story of God. We find in Star Wars the ultimate form of forgiveness as Luke is reunited with his Father in Return of the Jedi. Luke throughout the Star Wars series after learning that his father was in fact Anakin Skywalker had a hope that he would give up the dark side. Though he wrestled with His father he always had hope that he would return to who he was meant to be. Luke was the ultimate example of a hero. He was a Christ type figure. No matter what is done to him he refused to let it change his pure character. Christ is the same way. No matter who spit on him, or kicked him, or crucified him he still loved them and had hope that they would come back to him. Luke is the ultimate hero because his Love was Unconditional. He did not love and treat his father as he deserved, but he loved and treated his father as he was meant to be loved and treated!