

Small Group Study Guide – **Leader Guide**

For the weekend of 8.29.2010

Exodus 20.14 & 1 Corinthians 6.12-20 – Glorify God in your Body

Introduction

This weekend at the Summit we are working through the 7th commandment, “You shall not commit adultery.” In small group, we are going to be working through how this can be applied to our specific lives. In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul expresses the freedom that we have in Christ’s salvation, then he reasons from the gospel why our freedom leads us to holiness, not immorality. Our justification, sanctification, and glorification in Jesus Christ are not compatible with sexual sin.

Note: The small group study guide is designed to work in partnership with the weekend message. So each week you should work through this guide, take notes during the sermon, and come prepared to discuss both of these in your group.

Break the ice

With appropriate censorship, tell the story of when you first had “the (sex) talk” with your parents/children. How did the conversation go? Was it enlightening, confusing, awkward?

How does the Christian ethic of sexuality differ from the message that we see in various media today? Did you hear anything about the Christian view of sexuality that surprised you in Sunday’s sermon?

Dig Into the text

Read Exodus 20.14 and look over any notes you have from the sermon. What challenged you from the sermon? What are some ways that we can communicate clearly and effectively to the next generation about the appropriate and live-giving ways to express our sexuality?

Read 1 Corinthians 6.12-20. How does Jesus set us free?

What’s the difference between freedom and doing whatever you want to do?

In Paul's argument, what is the relationship between the Resurrection and refraining from sexual immorality?

Where is the gospel in 1 Corinthians 6:12-20? How does the gospel inform our approach to sex?

All sin affects our relationship with God. How does Paul say sexual immorality affects our relationship with God in a unique way?

Apply it to your life

What are some challenges to purity and covenant relationships that we all face? How can resisting these challenges strengthen our relationship with Christ?

Read Matthew 5:27-30. How can you, as members of a small group, encourage and hold each other accountable to refraining from adultery in all of its forms?

Prayer Guide

Revelation 21:1-8 – A Vision of Heaven

Take time in your personal study and then as a group to pray through this vision of our future as disciples of Christ. In praying through this passage pray the following:

- Praise Jesus Christ for one day making all things new! (v.5)
- Thank God, the Father, for one day putting an end to all impurity, death, and pain.
- Ask God to purify you now from the behaviors and thought patterns that will not be present in Heaven.
- Thank God for the relationship that He offers to you in Christ Jesus and for his covenant faithfulness in that relationship.