



In 1 Corinthians 5-7, Paul deals with a variety of situations that call for a healthy understanding of Christian sexual ethics. The heart of his response can be summarized as “honor God with your bodies.” How can Paul’s response to Corinth speak to our contemporary moment? One thing is certain: grace and truth belong together.

These questions are intended to deepen your experience of the message. Use them for your personal or family study time, or with an open Bible as you share the good news with your neighbor.

Group Ice-Breaker:

(1) If you could change something about yourself, what would it be?

**REAL PEOPLE, REAL STORIES.**

Read John 7:53-8:11. How we treat people is just as important as what we think about issues. How does Jesus show this principle in the story? Compare this with real people and stories from your own life.

**A ROADMAP. Read John 1:14.**

Why do grace and truth belong together? Why are both of these especially important when dealing with contemporary sexual ethics? Nathan suggested a three-pronged approach: (1) start with humility, (2) speak the truth, and (3) live out of grace and compassion. Discuss why all three are important.

**A SAFE PLACE.** Church ought to be a safe place for anyone. How is posture important? Consider: “We cannot evangelize those we demonize.” Discuss.

**SEX HAS A MEANING AND CONTEXT.** Read 1 Cor 6:9-22. What is God’s design for sex? What is the proper context for it? Why?

**YOUR BODY IS A GIFT TO BE RECEIVED.** Re-read 1 Cor 6:9-22. How should Christians view their bodies? How should Christians use their bodies? Why?

**DISCIPLESHIP IS SELF-DENIAL.** Read Luke 9:23 & re-read 1 Cor 6:9-22. Discuss how every Christian is called to self-denial in some form. Why is this a Christian virtue? This seems counter to our culture. Why is Christianity counter-cultural?

**SINGLENES & MINISTRY.** There is a place for everyone in God’s kingdom. Discuss how Jesus and Paul elevate the way singleness should be viewed, especially in ministry.