

## Supplemental Scriptures

Genesis 2:22-25 Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called ‘woman,’ for she was taken out of man.” That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Proverbs 5:15-20 Drink water from your own cistern, running water from your own well. Should your springs overflow in the streets, your streams of water in the public squares? Let them be yours alone, never to be shared with strangers. May your fountain be blessed, and may you rejoice in the wife of your youth. A loving doe, a graceful deer—may her breasts satisfy you always, may you ever be intoxicated with her love. Why, my son, be intoxicated with another man’s wife? Why embrace the bosom of a wayward woman?

Proverbs 30:18-20 “There are three things that are too amazing for me, four that I do not understand: the way of an eagle in the sky, the way of a snake on a rock, the way of a ship on the high seas, and the way of a man with a young woman. “This is the way of an adulterous woman: She eats and wipes her mouth and says, ‘I’ve done nothing wrong.’

1 Corinthians 6:15-20 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 7:3-5 The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife. Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

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### The Power of Sex: Genesis 2:23-25, Proverbs 5:15-19, 30:18-20

Main idea: God created sex as an expression of intimacy, a vehicle for creation and a celebration of mutual \_\_\_\_\_ between husband and wife.

\_\_\_\_\_ : to know and be fully known.

Myth: Sex is only \_\_\_\_\_.

Truth: Sex connects to the \_\_\_\_\_ person.

Your sexuality is connected to your \_\_\_\_\_.

Myth: Sex is defined by personal \_\_\_\_\_.

Truth: Sex is defined by divine \_\_\_\_\_.

You were designed to be \_\_\_\_\_ with one.

Myth: Practicing sex makes \_\_\_\_\_ sex.

Truth: The fuel of romance is \_\_\_\_\_.

Your current sexual behavior will become your history which will show up in your future \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Steps to sexual wholeness:

1. Ask and accept God’s forgiveness.
2. Surrender your mind, body, and soul to God.
3. Choose a path of healing and restoration.
4. Determine what it looks like to honor God with your body.
5. Decide today what you want your future story to be.

\*Hooked: The Brain Science on How Casual Sex Affects Human Development

## Life Group Ice Breaker

1. Share with everyone the craziest thing(s) you've bought at the grocery store when you went shopping on an empty stomach.

## Discussion Questions

2. All powerful things come with a proper way to be used. Why do you think we tend to disregard instructions? Why do we disregard God's instructions when it comes to sexuality?
3. Read Genesis 2:23-25. God holds the patent on sex. What are some differences between what God says about sex and what the culture says about sex? (i.e., It's just physical.)
4. Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. According to this passage, sex unites. What makes sexual sin different than other sins?

5. Stats tell us married sex is better (Sorry Hollywood!). Why do you think this is true? What behaviors and attitudes keep sex special, safe and protected?

6. How do we help speak into the lives of those around us who don't see sex for what it really is? What do you want your story to be when it comes to the power of sex in your life -- present, past, and future?

## Application Questions & Prayer

7. Whether single, married or dating, what are some ways you can protect the marriage bed? How can you give grace to yourself and others who have made mistakes in this area in the past?
8. Spend time in prayer for all of your group members. You can do this all together as a large group or by breaking into pairs. SINGLES: for your future spouse, and that you would both now be fighting to protect your relationship to come. MARRIED: that God will help you to cherish and protect your marriage bed. PARENTS: pray for your children and grandchildren. EVERYONE: pray for strength to display honor in your own life and for wisdom and integrity to inspire the attitudes of others to treasure sex for the powerful gift that it is and not minimize its value in marriage when its availability is increased.