

New Sexuality In God's New Community

Ephesians 5:1-14

► Q: What are we to do?

A: _____ the old sexuality and _____ the new sexuality

► Q: Why are we to do this?

A: Because of _____ in Christ

► Q: How are we to do this?

A: By having a _____ of sex

Application Questions

Note: These questions are recommendations. You don't need to answer all of them and you may include some of your own questions.

1. Break the ice a bit: If you could turn the clock back or forward what age would you like to be? Why?

Read Ephesians 5:1-14

2. Paul here is talking about sexuality. Notice the language of verses 3, 4, and 5. In the context, even the words "greed" and "greedy," which literally means "lust for more," are referring to an insatiable sexual lust. In light of the command in verse 4, let's stop right now and pray (silently or out loud) that God would guard our hearts and enable us to build people up with how we treat them and speak to them—that our actions and words would flow from a heart of thanksgiving and contentment.
3. According to verses 2-4, what is God calling us to put-off and what is he calling us to put-on in the realm of sexuality?
4. Why is God calling us to live a radically different life sexually than the culture in which we live? Look at the following verses to see the reasons God gives us here—verses 1, 3b, 4b, 11-13.
5. Read verses 5-6. How do you understand these verses, especially in light of the emphasis in Ephesians and the whole Bible on salvation by grace?
6. According to verse 5, what is the sin beneath the sin of sexual lust? Here is the key question: What do we learn from verse 2, about how we can live out a radically new approach to sexuality?
7. Close in prayer for one another and our church that: 1) we will have an exalted view of sexuality; 2) we will demonstrate to the world in our speech and actions the beauty of sexuality as God intended it; and 3) we will honor and thank God for the wonderful gift of sexuality and especially praise him for what our sexuality points us to.