

Sexuality and the Gospel

Description: Did God create sexuality for us to use for our own discretion or is there a better, more glorious purpose for it? God has a lot to say about how it should and shouldn't be explored. Ultimately all that He says has something to do with all that He is. This session will take us through God's Word, so that we will understand Who He is and why He has so much to say about sexuality.

Key Verses: Genesis 1-3; 1 Corinthians 6:9-20; Ephesians 5:22-33; Colossians 1:16

Prompt: Play a quick round or two of the game Taboo. Tell students that some topics in the church seem like taboos. Let them create a brief list of taboo topics. Segue into Jackie's talk about sexuality.

Play: Video of Jackie Hill-Perry, "Sexuality and the Gospel" buildmomentum.org/resources

Process: Select from the following questions to help students remember, rekindle and reengage.

- ⏪ In her opening, Jackie says, "[Sexuality] should not be a taboo in the church. What should be a taboo is *sinful* sexuality." **How does your church address the topic of sexuality? Why does this topic often feel taboo in the church?**
- ⏪ **Read** Genesis 1:1 and Colossians 1:16. **What do these passages imply about sexuality?**
- ⏪ Jackie comments, "We don't like for our idols to be rattled with. Sex is one of our culture's greatest idols." **What makes sexuality such an attractive and prevalent idol in our culture?**
- ⏪ God displayed purpose in creation by setting boundaries. **What are some good boundaries?**
- ⏪ **What does God's repeated declaration, "It was good," in the creation account (1:10, 12, 21, 25, 31) imply about His character? How do we usurp His authority in big and little matters?**
- ⏪ In describing the special creation of Eve, Jackie notes, "God being all loving and all wise, knew any option other than a woman for Adam was not good for Adam." **What was so special about Eve? How does Jackie's comment help us uphold God's boundaries for good sexuality?**
- ⏪ Jackie suggests, "We have in some way assisted the culture in its 'Do what you will' mantras" as it relates to sexuality. **How has the church contributed to our sexually loose culture?**
- ⏪ **Read** Genesis 3:1-6. **What are Satan's tactics to lure Eve into rebellion?**
- ⏪ **Read** 1 Corinthians 6:13. **What is the purpose of sex?**
- ⏪ **How many sex scandals can you count in the Bible? What does this say about God's people?**
- ⏪ **Read** 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. **What does this passage teach about sexual sin, its consequences, and our ability to overcome it? What's significant about the phrase "Don't be deceived"?**

Pray: Remind students the heart of the talk was not sexual purity as much as glory. Our purity and obedience in all areas bring glory to God. Give the students a moment to let God search their hearts for impurity. Close the prayer time by giving glory to God for His beauty, boundaries, and benevolence.