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### Part 3: Living Well in a Sexually Broken World

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WEEK 3 VIDEO LINK: [tfh.org/SaltAndLight3](http://tfh.org/SaltAndLight3)

#### USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

#### [Genesis 1:1]

*"In the beginning God created..."*

#### [John 1:1-3, 14]

*In the beginning the Word already existed.*

*The Word was with God,  
and **the Word was God.***

*He existed in the beginning with God.*

*God created everything through Him, and nothing was created except through Him. So the Word became human and made His home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen His glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son.*

**THESIS: If God is in fact the creator then he gets to determine the purpose and function of his creation, which is clearly stated in His Word.**

**[Romans 1:21-25]**

*And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools. And instead of worshiping the glorious, ever-living God, they worshiped idols made to look like mere people and birds and animals and reptiles.*

*So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. They traded the truth about God for a lie. **So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself.***

**Idolatry:** Whatever we put before God and His word and give ourselves to

### **Four Ways to Live Well in a Sexually Broken World**

**1. Understand that we are all broken and Jesus came to heal us all.**

**[Isaiah 53:5]**

*But he was pierced for **our transgressions**,  
he was crushed for **our iniquities**;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.*

## 2. Develop a scriptural worldview of sex and sexuality.

### WORLD VIEW:

- The set of beliefs that you base your life on
- The Core convictions that determine your decisions
- The lens through which you view and access the world

***If your identity is in Christ, then your identity is in the Living Word that came down from Heaven.***

*“How do we make an identity out of a temptation?  
By collapsing what we desire into who we are,  
By collapsing what tempts us and trips us into who we will become.  
Yet God’s revealed purpose for my identity always nails me to the  
cross!”*

Rosaria Butterfield

### [I Thessalonians 4:3-8]

*God’s will is for you to be holy, **so stay away from all sexual sin.** that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, **anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.***

## 3. Live with personal purity (Learn your “escape routes.”).

### [Ephesians 5:1,3-4]

*Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children.*

*But among you there must **not be even a hint of sexual immorality, impurity, or greed.** Such sins have no place among God's people. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes—these are not for you.*

### [1 Corinthians 10:13]

*The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. **And God is faithful.** He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out (NKJV = "the way of escape") so that you can endure.*

#### 4. Lay down the stones.

<p>A religious spirit is concerned with being right and enforcing PRINCIPLE - the spirit of Jesus is concerned with the PERSON and the road to restoration!</p>
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### [John 8:9-11]

*At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are your accusers? Has no one condemned you?"*

*"No one, sir," she said.*

*"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. **"Go now and leave your life of sin."***

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### *Get in the conversation.*

1. What's your response to the statement: "We are all sexually broken"?
2. How can the Church practically welcome and embrace people with varying levels of sexual brokenness (including the LGBT+ community), without compromising scriptural morality?
3. Why is dealing with people's brokenness and issues more effective in the context of a conversation than a public statement or on social media?

### *Take it a step further.*

4. What are some consequences when we try to change the created or invented function of something for our own purposes?
5. Why do you think family and culture are the two biggest influencers on the worldviews by which we live?
6. What are some cultural winds and tides about sexuality that are blowing through the world around us today?
7. What are some practical "guardrails" or "escape routes" we can all set in place to avoid the traps of temptation?
8. How can we be moved in compassion and concern for people rather than being critical in category and broken biblical principles? How do we avoid picking up "stone-throwing"?

### *Take home.*

9. Pray that each of us can live holy in a broken world. Pray for both protection from temptation and godly influence in the lives of others.