



I Can Relate – God’s Plan for Sexuality Pastor Jude Fouquier 05.28.2023

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

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. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group’s goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[Matthew 19:3-6 ESV]

³ And Pharisees came up to him and tested him by asking, “Is it lawful to divorce one’s wife for any cause?” ⁴ He answered, “Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them male and female, ⁵ and said, ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?’ ⁶ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.

1. There is a creator, and you are created

2. He created with divine order

[Romans 1:19-25 ESV]

¹⁹ For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. ²⁰ For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. ²¹ For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things. ²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

BIBLE SAYS

There is a creator

You were created in the image of God

He has a divine order

He created you male and female

Marriage is a covenant between one man and one woman

Sex should only be enjoyed within the context of marriage

Sex is both physical and spiritual

CULTURE SAYS

This is an accident

You are God, "your body your choice"

Do whatever feels right

You can be whatever you want to be

Love is love

Explore, be free, follow your heart, don't suppress your sexuality, don't be a prude

Sex is purely physical

[Romans 6:3-14 ESV]

³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. ¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Luke 9:23 ESV

And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

[1 Corinthians 6:13b-20 ESV]

^{13b} The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷ But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Porneia: any sexual act outside of the context of God's design

Key Points:

1. There is a creator, and you are created
2. He created with divine order

Applications for the Week:

This week intentionally take time to read your Bible. When we read the Word of God, our lives are changed and transformed. Not sure where to start reading, jump in with a Bible reading plan through www.youversion.com

Discussion Questions:

1. Why is it important for us to talk about sexuality in church?
2. What does God say about sex in Scripture? How is the Bible the filter for gaining insight?
3. How is our life designed to reflect the image of our Creator, even in the area of sexuality?
4. Are you living according to God's design for your life that is laid out in the Bible?
5. How does God's divine order bring order and peace to our lives?
6. When have you last done an evaluation of your personal peace?
7. How does repentance play a role in us living in God's design for our lives?