

# TAKEAWAY

## Real Life Church

### LET'S TALK ABOUT SEX

Sunday 31st March 2019

#### INTRODUCTION

This Sunday, we looked at some of 1 Corinthians 6. At Breakfast Church and 10:30, Matt spoke about how the Bible sees sex. *Note to leaders: This is a potentially very sensitive issue for you or some of your group. Many have regrets, hurts or bad experiences when it comes to sex. Have a think about how to carefully draw out anything that is helpful to draw out, but don't pressure anyone to share more than they are comfortable with in a group setting.*

#### TO OPEN

1. How comfortable are you talking about sex and sexual morality
  - a) in general?
  - b) in church?
  - c) with your friends outside of church?
  - d) with your partner?

#### READ

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

#### DISCUSS

2. 'I have the right to do anything' was a popular saying in Corinth, as was 'food for the stomach and the stomach for food but God will destroy them both' (meaning: do what you like because this life doesn't matter). Do you hear similar perspectives or ideas

in our culture? Why are they so powerful?

3. Matt suggested that while sex is a great thing, we often pursue it too much because we're actually looking for intimacy and transcendence. What do you make of this idea?

4. On Sunday Matt said, "I bet you can find someone who had sex before marriage and regretted it, but I think you'd struggle to find someone who waited for marriage and regrets it." Do you agree? What do you think the benefits of waiting for marriage are?

5. We heard that the word 'unite' translates the Greek word kolan,

which was used to describe the union of marriage. The implication is that any sexual activity, even a one-off liaison with a prostitute, is an act of commitment that goes beyond the physical. The phrase 'sexual immorality' translates the Greek word porneia from which we get the word 'pornography'. However the root word connotes the idea of selling off. The implication of these verses is that we and our bodies are highly valuable. Do you think of your body as valuable before God? How does this affect how you use it?

6. Paul says, 'You are not your own; you were bought at a



price'. Because we are valuable to God, Jesus died to purchase us. How do you feel about being 'purchased'?

7. Paul makes three "Do you not know" statements:

- 1) You are highly valuable
- 2) Closeness with God

(united with the Lord) is what He wants most  
3) Jesus has purchased you

Which of these do you find easiest to believe? Which is hardest and why?

8. Many people who don't follow Jesus think the church is

overly restrictive and conservative when it comes to sex. How does this passage shape how we might talk about this big issue if it came up? How would you describe God's view of sex in your own words?

