

Silence Breakers

My Body Belongs to God

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⁷ The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated? ⁸ Instead, you yourselves cheat and do wrong, and you do this to your brothers and sisters. ⁹ Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men ¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Corinthians 6:7-10, NIV

God's goal is to build a new _____ that stands apart from society, and creates an _____ of his kingdom.

¹² "I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but I will not be mastered by anything. ¹³ You say, "Food for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy them both." The body, however, is not meant for sexual immorality but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

1 Corinthians 6:12-13, NIV

Sex Myth #1: Sex is _____ and _____. It's important to be _____ about it.

¹ Now for the matters you wrote about: "It is good for a man not to have sexual relations with a woman." **1 Corinthians 7:1, NIV**

Sex Myth #2: Sex is _____ and _____. _____ sex as much as possible because it's allowable only for the higher good of having _____ and insuring the future of the _____.

¹⁴ By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. ¹⁵ Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶ Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." ¹⁷ But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit. **1 Corinthians 6:14-17, NIV**

Sex Myth #3: Sex is _____ or _____. Don't allow society to _____ who you are or _____ you.

¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20, NIV

² But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband. ³ The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. ⁴ The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife.

1 Corinthians 7:2-4, NIV

My body belongs to God: Sex is _____ because in marriage it _____ God, it _____ the goodness of God, and it _____ us to one another and to Christ.

MEMORY VERSE

You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. **1 Corinthians 6:19b-20, NIV**

My next step: I will believe that my body belongs to God. I will worship and serve him faithfully, honoring him with my body.

What's your next step today?

Mark it on your Communication Card.

Impact Groups – Silence Breakers My Body Belongs to God

Breaking the Ice: Have you watched the Olympics? What is your favorite sport to watch?

Back to Sunday: Remembering back to the message on Sunday, what:
Convicted you?

Comforted you?

Did you learn about God?

Direction did you get for your life?

Read: 1 Corinthians 6:7-10

Take a couple minutes and write a definition of sexual immorality.

Explain how Paul is encouraging individuals to be selfless instead of selfish in this section.

Read 1 Corinthians 6:14-20

Jesus clearly taught the truth of stewardship. He taught that everything we are and everything we have is God's. We are only being a "steward" or manager of it.

Why is simply putting the word "God's" in front of every thing I own or control a great way to teach stewardship? (example: God's house, God's car, God's computer, etc.)

Why is saying, "I belong to Christ" a beautiful gospel truth?

Agree or Disagree Sexual sins are more serious than other kinds of sins.

How does understanding that your body the temple of the Holy Spirit mold the way you think of worship and sex?

Read: 1 Corinthians 7:2-4

What is a proper way of understanding that a husband and wife belong to one another?

Making an Impact

Planning a group impact project: The goal is to make a positive impact *in the neighborhood your group meets in while involving your neighbors as much as possible throughout the whole process.*

Last semester one group made 500 bags for homeless people and handed them out for people to give away. What do you think made this such a effective Impact Project?

Here are some questions to work through first:

- Why do we want to do an impact project?
- What outcomes do we hope to reach through the project?
- What's the difference between doing a project "on" your neighborhood verses "with" your neighborhood? An impact project is ideally "with" your neighborhood.

Ask God to keep your eyes and ears open this week to the needs and opportunities in this neighborhood. Pray that he guides your group to a meaningful impact project.

Close with prayer