

Notes **What is God's Design for Sexuality & Marriage?** 08/13/23

Origins: Tough Questions, Real Answers

Human sexuality is:

- Our longing to be whole, to be fully known, loved, and accepted
- Our awareness of how fractured and disconnected we are
- Our attempts to pursue the connection and wholeness we long for

Sexuality is about pursuing the wholeness God created us for in relationship with Him, ourselves, others, and this world.

Wholeness with God: (Genesis 1:26-28; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Romans 1:22-25)

- The foundation of sexuality must be grounded in who God is and who He has designed you to be.

Wholeness with Ourselves: (Genesis 2:25)

- Much of how we relate to ourselves is about something much deeper.

Wholeness with Others: (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:24)

- The physical act of sex was designed to be enjoyed in the context of marriage between a man and a woman.
- Echad (Genesis 2:24; Deuteronomy 6:4) – oneness, unity in plurality.
- In the physical act of sex, you bring your whole self to someone who has committed to you, in marriage, to partner with God's holistic, redemptive work in your life.
- It is possible to be a sexually whole person without engaging in the physical act of sex.

Wholeness with our World: (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:15-25)

- Wholeness with our world means using our lives to pursue the purposes of God.
- Lack of, or divided purposes in marriage often break the wholeness God designed for marriage.
- Married or not, pursuing the purposes of God means investing in the next generation.

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**This template is for groups who continue to gather this summer while weekly, sermon-specific life group questions are not being provided.*

Pray: Lay down any distractions, control, fears, etc. that will keep you from fully engaging in your time together.

Looking Back:

What has God been teaching you lately as you've been applying what you're learning about Him?

Looking up:

What about the sermon was challenging, helpful, new, or interesting to you?

Did this sermon cause you to think about any other related Scriptures?

How does this sermon most speak to how you can grow in: Loving God; Loving one another; or Making His love known?

How did this sermon press you into prayer? What did God show you in prayer?

Looking forward:

What step of action is God calling you to take based on this study? How can our life group pray for and support you?

Prayer: How can we be praying for one another? How can we be praying for those in our lives who are far from God but near to us relationally?