



The Sexiest Sermon You Never Heard | Doug Wekenman | 3.12.23

Weekly Study

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This week Doug continued our relationship series by diving into a topic that's often tabooed in the church yet needs to be talked about more. He went deep into the importance of keeping sex within the boundaries and confines of marriage. Sex is a good thing because it was a God idea, and it's a gift given to us. The desire for it is equally as good, but what happens when we misplace a good desire and make it our ultimatum for happiness apart from Jesus? Our lives can become unhinged from a good passion that was meant to burn in the boundary of a covenant that makes it a gift and blessing rather than a consequence.

**Before you dive into the study check-in with each other by asking these questions:**

**How has God revealed himself to you in the last week?**

**Where do you need God to show up in your life?**

GROW

**Read Genesis 1:27-28**

**What is a characteristic you can draw about God from this passage after hearing Doug's message on Sunday?**

**How does this passage change your perspective on intimacy?**

This passage is a good indicator that God likes to give His kids good gifts. We read the word "blessed" when He commanded Adam and Eve to be "fruitful". Doug's message made it pretty clear but it's also obvious what God meant by this command in the context of fruitful with the word "multiply" to back that statement.

Sex was God's idea, and it was a gift given to us prior to the fall. In fact, it's *still* a gift that He wants to give us even after the fall. Regardless of our past and decisions we've made, our Heavenly Father wants us to enjoy the gift He's created made possible by redemption through Jesus. Boundaries around a good desire within the covenant of marriage aren't meant to withhold from but to bless us. When our desires are rightfully ordered with Jesus taking first place, we get more of Him *and* the blessings that come with the narrow that leads to life.

**What's one take away you had from Doug's message this past week?**

**How has your view either shifted or deepened on this topic after reading this passage and hearing Doug's message?**

**M O V E**

**Read Proverbs 5:18-19**

**What correlation can you make between this passage and Doug's message?**

**What's a commonality you're seeing in the passages for this week on the topic of sex and intimacy?**

Scripture doesn't shy away from encouragement the celebration of intimacy within the covenant of marriage. The writer of Proverbs encourages a husband to be intimate with his wife. Doug reminded us on

Sunday that repentance isn't leaving the good stuff for the God stuff; it's realizing that the good stuff is the God stuff.

When we keep the desire for intimacy and sex within God's design, we can freely enjoy it without the consequences of shame and guilt. God wants to lavish blessing upon blessing on His children, and He wants us to live in abundance. When we say yes to God's way in this topic, we're sacrificing cheap instant gratification for the Way that leads to life and abundance.

**Why and how do you think sex outside of God's ultimate design effects your relationship with others?**

**Reflecting on Doug's message, what would it look like to see intimacy God's way as a gift to be enjoyed rather than a temptation that needs to be fulfilled?**

## **P R A Y**

Commit to praying for one another as we all know real relationships are difficult but worth it. Pray for courage and strength to do the hard work so that we will begin to reflect the love of Christ to the world.