



Solomon on Sex

Rekindle Your Romance

Small Group Work Sheet

January 29, 2012

Part 1 - Ice Breaker

- Have you given away *Solomon on Sex Invitation Cards*? To whom? How did it go?
 - Have you heard of anyone outside of the church talking about the series?
 - Have you heard of anyone checking out the www.solomononsex.com web site or visiting the church because of the series?
 - What is your plan to share Jesus with your community this week? Is this series helping you accomplish that?
1. Last week, you left small group agreeing to be accountable for your sermon homework. Check with the group members to see how everyone did.

Part 2 - Sermon Review

2. Does your bedroom need a makeover? Is this something from the sermon you plan to apply?
3. When was the last time you were on a date night? Share your ideas for a fun date with the group. Go to <http://www.christ2rculture.com/sermons/files/sosrekindleyourromance.html> and post your ideas in the comments section on the bottom of the page for others to see.
4. Read Matthew 20:26-28. What does it teach us about how to become great in God's eyes?
5. Read Galatians 5:13. What is the freedom Paul is talking about? How does that freedom enable us to serve others?
6. Read Philippians 2:5-11. When we feel like we are serving too much, how does Christ inspire us to serve? What does he teach us are the results of humble service?
7. Read Romans 12:10. Many of us are competitive by nature. How should we compete?
8. Discuss the sermon homework for the coming week. What will be hardest for you to accomplish? What will come most naturally? What homework assignment will make the most difference in your marriage?

Part 3 - Digging Deeper - What Do I Need To Know When I Talk With My Teenager About Sex?

Oral Sex is Still Sex¹

This week junior and senior high students attended an evening called, "No Apologies." The event focused on abstinence before marriage. I applaud the event! Unfortunately, there are many young adults who think saving themselves for marriage means avoiding one final act, not absolute purity.



The September 16, 2005 issue of the Washington Post had an article entitled Half of all teens have Had Oral Sex. The article quotes a government study that shows slightly more than half of American teenagers ages 15 to 19 have engaged in oral sex. The proportion increases to about 70% of 18 and 19 year olds. Today, teenagers just don't see oral sex as sex. As adults, it is our job to teach our kids the blessings of absolute purity for their wedding night. It is not our job to pretend our children don't have sexual desires. It is our job to cast a vision for joy of keeping them for the proper place and time.

Remember, absolute purity for your wedding night is a choice for more joy, not for less.

Living Together is Bad Preparation for Marriage²

Young adults consider living together a good way to practice for marriage and test their compatibility.

Statistically between 1960 to 2010 the couples living together in the U.S. rose from 439,000 to five million. 10% of couples lived together before marriage in 1960, today it is 50%. A quarter of unmarried women ages 25 to 39 are presently living with a man to whom they are not married. Half of all women will live with a man before marriage. What are the results?

- You have a higher divorce rate if you live together before you are married (67% vs. 45%)
- A woman who lives with a man before marriage is 3 times more likely to suffer from depression.
- She is twice as likely to be beaten.
- She is nine times more likely to be murdered.
- Virgins who marry have a high level of marital satisfaction.
- Of 100 cohabitating couples, 85 break up before 10 years together.
- Men and women who live together are more likely to cheat on one another.

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¹ http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2005/09/15/AR2005091500915.html?nav=rss_email/components

² <http://www.amfmonline.com/pdfs/LivingtogetherStatisticalRisk.pdf>