



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Sex, God, & You

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme & Prayer Focus

Sex And Sexuality | A Gospel Centered View

PRAYER:

"Father, I want to look more like you so here I am, opening my heart to you, trusting you with my family, time, and finances. May I be a willing vessel for you to use to bring change to a perverse generation. God I love you and I am ready for what you have for me. Amen."

Key Truths

We will never reach our generation for Christ if we don't take the conversation of sex and sexuality head on with our Bibles open. God is Savior and Lord. He saves us from sin, and teaches us a better way. Praise the Lord!

- Virginity is abstaining from an act but purity is a condition of the heart.
- We get caught in cycles of sin that just keep going if we remain in the dark.
- Being open and honest is a key component to freedom. We don't get to hide and be free.

How many of us believe that God only wants us at our best? God doesn't want us to get cleaned up in order to come to Him. As the Master Potter, God is ready and waiting for us to run to Him so he can be our Father in good times and bad. He cares about our brokenness and is the only one who can heal us. Jesus, who is God, came to earth and dwelt among us. He understands our humanity. We can't take our humanity and hide with it, but we should run to Jesus with it. When we understand the character of God, we will naturally run to Him.

In Luke 7, there is a story of a woman who was a prostitute that washed the feet of Jesus. Some in the room frowned upon what she had done. Jesus pointed out the more debt or brokenness someone is forgiven will cause their gratefulness and praise to become even greater. The prostitute was forgiven from a very broken past and could not contain her gratitude. Her faith in Jesus healed her.

We Need To Discover Jesus As Savior

- If we were never tempted, we would forget about our need for God.
- God doesn't just want to get us to heaven, He wants us to have a life full of joy, purity, and abundance.
- The only way out of our sin is a connection to our Savior.

Submit To Jesus As Lord

- Culture defines sex as casual but God defines it as sacred.
- Sex was designed for one man and one woman inside the covenant of marriage.
- I am not my own boss. God is our Lord.
- This doesn't mean that we will never struggle again, but our submission is the start to our freedom.

Learn From God As Teacher

- For the single people, our witness is so much stronger. The world will look at us and see our peace, our joy in the Lord, and wonder how we have that. Our witness to the world says that sex is not an idol and that we are not slaves to sin. We have found sufficiency in Christ.
- For widows, we get to learn from God as the teacher in our singleness.
- For parents, we get the opportunity to teach our children and show them how to follow our Lord to learn from Him as their teacher.
- For the men, we get to lead our families. No more standing on the sidelines but getting in the game and making a move for our families.

We can't save ourselves from our shame or addiction. We have to have faith in Jesus as Lord.

Practical Application

Take time to bring your heart to God. Do not resist Jesus. If there is something that you need to present to the Lord, step out in faith and tell him. He is a gracious, understanding, and forgiving Father that desires to heal your heart.

Key Verses

- James 5:16
- Hebrews 4:15-16
- Matthew 11:29-30
- Luke 7:39, 7:47-50
- John 15:5
- Romans 12:2, 6:15-16

Declarations (to be spoken out loud)

"I don't want to be stuck in sin. God is gracious and desires to walk with me through whatever I may face. I am giving God each and every part of my heart. I trust that God will keep his promises, continue to speak to me, and heal me as I walk with him."

What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

Scripture References

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Matthew 5:27-28 ESV "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

James 5:16 NKJV Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

Hebrews 4:15-16 ESV For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Matthew 11:29 ESV Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me...

Luke 7: 39 ESV "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner."

Luke 7:50 ESV And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

John 15:5 ESV I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Romans 12:2 AMPC Do not be conformed to this world (this age), [fashioned after and adapted to its external, superficial customs], but be transformed (changed) by the [entire] renewal of your mind [by its new ideals and its new attitude], so that you may

prove [for yourselves] what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His sight for you].

1 John 1:9 ESV If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins...

Romans 6:15-16 ESV What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?