



## **Digging Deeper**

*Small Group Discussion/Personal  
Bible Study*  
**Week One Jan. 26/27, 2008**

### **Small Group Icebreaker**

1. Think back to when you were young. What were your sources of information when it came to finding out about sex and relationships?

### **Opening Prayer**

### **Discussion Questions**

2. The topic of the week is a little sensitive... and true to ECC style Pastor Mike had a little fun with it! What was your reaction to the video clip of the 'Get down to business' song?

3. Pastor Mike reinforced the fact that God created sex to be fun, exciting, and pleasurable and serves as His gift to married couples. How has the "world" influenced and altered that original Divine plan?

4. As followers of Christ how can we combat the unhealthy attitudes about sex that prevail in society and be a positive influence?

5. One important way is to have a clear picture of God's perspective on sexuality and relationships that we can share. Let's get some insight from the Bible! Read the following and discuss any directive we get from God or ideal that He sets forth:

***The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.***

1 Corinthians 6:13

***Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure***

Hebrews 13:4a

***But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.***

Ephesians 5:3

6. Temptation is alive and well in our world to go against God's best plan for us when it comes to physical relationships. What's the key to maintaining purity and faithfulness? We see a couple of tangible ways to deal with it in the following:

***When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each one is tempted when, by his own evil desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. Don't be deceived, my dear brothers.***

James 1: 13-16

***No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.***

1 Corinthians 10:13

***Flee from sexual immorality.***

1 Corinthians 6:18

7. When we succeed God has a great promise for us! See James 1:12:

***Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him.***

James 1:12

8. Also, it is important to remember that God can and does forgive the sin of premarital or extramarital sex. When we put our faith in Jesus, all sins are forgiven-- including past, present, future, big and small! What we are to do is found in 1 John 1:9:

***If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.***

1 John 1:9

### **Closing Prayer**



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