



GRANT AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Summary

Proverbs 7:1-26

Lie: Sex is only physical.

Sex is just our physical enjoyment and is not connected to our mind, heart or soul.

Truth: Sex is the mingling of souls.

This truth has profound implications for...

1. Sex outside of the marriage covenant.
2. The viewing of pornography.
3. Intimacy in a marital relationship.

Five Truths from Proverbs 7

1. God designed sex for your greatest good.

God created sex. Sex is a good gift given by God – but like all good things given by God, Satan corrupts and distorts the truth. Therefore, our understanding of sex, its purpose and its place, can easily be misunderstood. Verse 5 reminds us of the “forbidden woman.” Because God is the creator of sex, he also has the right to forbid something. It is for our good when he does.

2. Danger is everywhere.

The woman is at “every corner”. Sexual temptation is always present. We need to always be ready and prepared to respond.

3. Sexual sin promises pleasure without consequences.

The woman seduces the man and promises that no one will know. That is how Satan works in our lives. He promises pleasure, but leaves out the pain and hurt that will follow.

4. What you want is not always what is best.

In the end, the man is led to death. He thinks he is finding life, happiness and pleasure, but in reality, all he will find is pain.

5. Do not do life alone.

DISCUSSION

Reminders for small group leaders:

- We want everyone to interact with God's Word. Please have people open their own Bibles and interact with the text on their own.
- Set aside a time to pray for each other during every small group. Try not to rush through this time as it's good to have people pray for each other.
- The teaching happened on Sunday at church. The purpose of small groups is to ask two questions:
 - 1) What is God saying to me in His Word?
 - 2) What is He asking me to do in response?

Your role is to help everyone answer these two questions so that God can do His work of transforming hearts and lives.

Recap and Reflect:

- What stood out to you/encouraged you/challenged you, etc from the message?
- What is the learning point and/or action point you want the people in your small group to leave with?
- How would you summarize the sermon in one or two sentences?

QUESTIONS Choose (if any) questions that would be good for your group to discuss, or make up your own!

Discussion Guide

Getting to know you

- In the past, what did you assume God had to do with sex? What was your impression of the Bible's view, or Christianity's view on sex?
- Do you think churches should address issues like sex? What did you think about Bryan directly addressing the kinds of subjects he did: Did he go too far (TMI)? Not far enough? Just right?

Getting into the Bible

Work through Proverbs 7 with your group. Here the five points from Pastor Bryan's message. Each point has a couple questions to go with it. Use discretion as you talk together. Sex is a sensitive topic and may be difficult for some.

1. God designed sex for your greatest good. (forbidden woman - vs. 5

- What are some of the problems with sex outside of marriage? What can be the consequences personally? For the family? For society?
- If you had to sum up the world's view of sex in one sentence, what would it be?

2. Danger is everywhere.

- What are some practical ideas you could share with each other about good boundaries in relationships.
- Pornography and other sexually explicit material is everywhere. What are some great ways to find victory in this area?

3. Sexual sin promises pleasure without consequences.

- When we watch popular tv programs or movies, what are promises that sexual sin says it will give us?
- Make a list of who might be hurt if sexual sin continued to reign in your life.

4. What you want is not always what is best.

- Bryan used a letter from CS Lewis to a friend to illustrate how God has our best interests in mind. How do you relate to the illustration of the Dog getting wrapped around a pole?

5. Do not do life alone.

- How can our group encourage each other to honor God sexually?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Epic Halloween Party on Thursday at the APCC at 7:30.
2. Girls Night Out on November 16th at Grant. The event begins at 6:30pm.