



# STUDY GUIDE

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### **[setting it up]**

Growing up, how did you learn about sexuality? School, parents, church, friends? Was sexuality seen as something God-given or to be avoided? Or somewhere in between?

Did your parents or caregivers have expectations for what you would do when you grew up? What were they?

### **[digging deeper]**

Read Ephesians 5:22-33.

What surprised you? What challenged you? What encouraged you?

When you think about marriage as a symbol of Christ and the Church, how does that change the way you view your marriage?

In Matthew 22:30, Jesus says, "For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven." What do you think about this? Does it make you sad, happy, or in between? Why do you think God made marriage as a temporary station in this life?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. How is this biblical teaching different from what our culture tells us?

In verses 19-20, Scripture says, "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body."

How do we live out this command on a day to day basis? What does this look like in our lives?

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8.

Why does the Bible make clear that when we sin sexually, we sin against not only another but against God? What are ways to keep God foremost in every area of our lives?

For those that are interested in learning more about people who experience same-sex attraction as committed Christ-followers, here are some valuable voices:

- Sam Allberry (<https://samallberry.com>)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgGgogHthdM>
- Christopher Yuan (Christopheryuan.com)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HkZyyMjDXhg>
- Jackie Hill Perry (<http://www.jackiehillperry.com>)  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLAe\\_JBvVwg&ab\\_channel=JackieHillPerryChannel](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZLAe_JBvVwg&ab_channel=JackieHillPerryChannel)
- Rosaria Butterfield (<https://rosariabutterfield.com>)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WCpl2vGOiRs>

## **[living it out]**

Pastor Josh challenged us to take next steps toward Biblical Information, Biblical Relationships, and Biblical Hope.

If you are single, share with the group what you hope married people would do to support you. Married people, share with the group what you hope single people would do to support you.

Is there something that the group can do to grow as a better caring community to everyone, no matter their life stage?