

Sexual Identity and the Gospel

Scripture: **I Corinthians 6:9-11**

Series: **Don't Go There**

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Overview

Everyone struggles with identity. The basic truth to our identity is that we are all made in the image of God our creator. With that, God ultimately determines what we should do with our bodies. While the unrighteous will not inherit Christ's kingdom, **God calls us and empowers us to be holy with our sexuality.**

Corroborating Texts

Colossians 3:5; I Corinthians 6:12ff; Psalm 74:10; Luke 6:22; Ephesians 5:3

Discussion Questions

1. Unpack I Corinthians 6:9. Who are the "unrighteous" of which it speaks? What does it mean to "inherit the kingdom?" (Cross reference Romans 8:16 and I Peter 1:3-5)
2. Is it odd for you to consider sex a gift from God? When we see sex as a gift, what should our response be? How can a legalistic approach distort this view? How does our over-sexualized culture distort this?
3. Later, in v9, Paul lists idolaters among those that will not inherit Christ's kingdom. What does it mean and what does it look like to be an idolater? Read Romans 1:18-32. What is the connection between sexual immorality (specifically adultery and homosexuality) and idolatry? [note: Paul takes the rest of Romans to tell the story of God's redemption and how we should respond.]
4. Why do we see temptation to prioritize one sin over another? What does scripture say about this? What does this tendency say about us?
5. Behind each of the items in Paul's list there is a good gift from God. Which of these are you most likely to abuse and abuse God's gift. (Cross reference with Galatians 5:16:24.)
6. GOOD NEWS! What is the good news Paul describes in v11? Why is this good?! Why is this good for you personally? [you may wish to take a moment and articulate this as best you can within your group]
7. How can we encourage one another to live holy lives and love our neighbor specifically in the context of sexual identity?