



# THE CHRISTIAN IN TODAY'S SOCIETY

This past Sunday Pastor John continued in our sermon series titled “The Christian in Today’s Society” by focusing on the topic of sex and sexuality. One of the main takeaways was that God’s design is purity. We’ll take a look at the meaning of purity in the Scripture and why it’s important.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUNDAY SERVE TEAMS

We are coming to the end of our sign-up drive for the fall. Please take time in lifegroup, if you haven’t already, to have everyone fill out a form either through the Epicentre Church app or at [epicentre.church/serve](http://epicentre.church/serve). We’d like everyone to fill out a form, even if they’re already serving, as it has space to update contact info and to tell us more about particular passions, interests, and skills.

### FAMILY TIME

Take some time to share prayer requests and praise reports with each other and encourage folks to keep praying for each other’s prayer requests throughout the week and to believe that these will become future praise reports.

### BIBLE DISCUSSION: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Introduction Question: What are the attitudes held by your peers today about sex and sexuality? Do you agree with them, or disagree? Why?

Some background on Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians: <https://bible.org/seriespage/1-introduction-and-background-1-corinthians>

Inductive Bible Study:

- 1) **Observation** – What seems important about the passage? What words or themes are repeated? What are some keywords in the passage?
- 2) **Interpretation** – Given what we know about the context of Corinth, what do you think Paul’s main points were for the church? Why is sexual purity important?
- 3) **Application** – What does this mean for us today as Christians living in Los Angeles? What is God calling me to know or do as a result?

Small Group: Break up into gender-specific small groups. Share 1-2 takeaways or application. Spend time praying for one another.

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<sup>18</sup>Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. <sup>19</sup>Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; <sup>20</sup>you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies.

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