

Sex (1)

Sunday March 3, 2013

Matthew 5:17-32

Sex is Complicated!

- Biology
- Desire
- External Culture
- Internal Experience
- Overemphasis – Sex as Idol

God's Dream

The Pattern

Main Move – Action to Inside – What God Always Wanted

Looking Behind – The Dream

Boundaries for Sex – God's Dream for Sex in our Lives

Focus on "the Look"

People Rather than Objects

Loving People in the Broadest Sense

It Really Matters

Not Taken Literally, But Taken Seriously!

Hard to Reduce to Behaviour Rules

Some value in thinking through...

Ultimately a Heart Matter

Everyone Broken!

All need forgiveness and healing

Careful not to categorize others ...

Looking in the Mirror

- Where do I need Repentance? Forgiveness? Healing?
- Is my sexual energy guided by love?
- By love in the widest sense possible?
- How do I seek acceptance?
- How do I express acceptance?

Prayers and Readings for Lent

The season of Lent has traditionally been used by Christians as a time of prayer, reflection and repentance in preparation for the celebration of Easter. I want to encourage you to carve out a little time for prayer, reading and reflection over the season of Lent this year. For each week I have included a traditional Lenten prayer, and readings from 4 different parts of the Bible. I will use some of these passages in the Sunday sermons as well.

There are many ways you could use these passages.

- Read all 4 passages in one sitting
- Read the passages in a different Bible translation each day
- Read one passage a day for 4 days in the week
- Read one of the passages together as a family
- Read one or more of the passages with a small group

I trust these times of prayer, reading and reflection will help us deepen our connection with God in this season.

Third Week of Lent

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Week 3
Mar 3 – 9

Psalm

Old Testament

Gospel

Epistle

Psalm 51

Genesis 2

Matthew 5:17-48

Ephesians 5:1-20