

WEEK 2: Sex

The Jesus Way

Lean In

- If you only had a few more hours to live, what would be your last meal?
- What is the one food or snack you can't say no to?

Look Down

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(1 Corinthians 6:12-14, NIV)

Read through the scripture above and identify the Corinthian view and Paul's rebuttal. Fill in the chart below.

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	<i>But I will not be mastered by anything.</i>
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<i>...and God will destroy...</i>	
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Look Out

“Appetites can become idols.”

- What appetites do you believe rule our world today?
 - Like the beetles in Australia, what fake things does the world try to satiate those appetites with?
- Where do you see the 3 Stories of Sex playing out in our culture today?
(*Secular Story, Story of Shame, Sacred Story*)

Look In

To ensure a more comfortable and respectful discussion, it is advisable to divide into gender-specific subgroups. This way, participants can freely share their thoughts without concerns about appropriateness for the opposite sex.

- Which of the 3 stories shaped you the most growing up?
 - Which is shaping you the most today?

“Because Christianity means freedom, it’s important that nothing is allowed to give me orders: not my appetites, not my habits, not the surrounding atmosphere of my culture, with its hardly noticed pressures toward certain styles of life.”

- NT Wright on 1 Corinthians 6:13-20

- What are you allowing to give you orders in your sexual life?
- What are some things you could add or eliminate in your life to move closer to living according to the Sacred Story?

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