



## **Elephant In The Room – Week 5: Sexuality**

**Main Idea:** This week we wrap up our series called “Elephant In The Room” where we are talking about issues the church tends to tiptoe around. Today we are going to be discussing several issues concerning the topic of “Sexuality.”

### **Opening Discussion Question:**

Discussions about the topic of sexuality in nearly any setting generally lead to some very awkward situations. Can you think of a particularly awkward situation or discussion concerning the topic of sexuality that you have encountered? Share your thoughts with the group.

**Read: Genesis 2:20-25; Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:5-9**

**1. From the verses above, it is clear that God created man & woman, designed marriage to be between a man and his wife, and gave the gift of sex to a married couple for enjoyment and for procreation. Did you ever have “The Talk” (about sex) - either your parents talking with you, or you talking with your children? And how did that go?**

**2. How would you answer someone who argues against God’s design for marriage and sex by stating “This is the 21st century, things have changed, and it’s nobody’s business but mine”?**

**3. A prevailing attitude in our culture is... “I call the shots with my own body, and no one has the right to tell me what to do.” Can you see any problems with this statement as it pertains to marriage and sex?**

**4. A Foundational Principle to consider: When you become a Christian, your body actually belongs to God. If God truly owns my body, how would that change the way I live? Discussion points:**

**5. I have several more questions on: Pornography, sex outside of or before marriage, engaged couples, singles, cultural norms and peer pressure, homosexuality, same sex marriages, transgender lifestyles, etc. How do these somehow fit into God’s design for marriage and sexuality? Discussion points:**

**Next Steps:**

The key to everything we have discussed from this message on sexuality is to honor God with your body. If He doesn't have your body, he doesn't have your life. So, if you haven't yet done so, offer your body to Him today. Is there anything in this area of your life that you need to get right with God? Is there anything you need to confess? Remember, God promises that if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9). And if you are in Christ, you are a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). Now, thank Him, and live like you believe it!

**Reading Plan:**

**Sunday - Genesis 2:20-25; Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:5-9**

**Monday - Psalm 139; Romans 1:18-32**

**Tuesday - Romans 12:1-2; 1 Corinthians 6:18-25**

**Wednesday - Exodus 20:14; Matthew 5: 27-28;**

**Thursday - Galatians 5:13-25; 1 Corinthians 7:1-9**

**Friday - Psalm 51; Psalm 32:5; 1 John 1:9; Galatians 2:20**

**Saturday - John 14:21; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Psalm 40:1-3**