



Keep the Fire in Its Place

01 KEY TAKEAWAYS

• **God designed sex for a place.** In marriage, one man and one woman become one flesh — a covenant of complete, exclusive, and permanent love. Outside that place, the same fire that warms a home can burn it down.

Genesis 2:24

• **God designed sex with a purpose.** Scripture points to procreation, pleasure, and a pledge that renews the marriage covenant. None of it embarrasses God — he's the one who designed it.

1 Corinthians 7:2-5

• **Sin has broken all of us sexually.** Every person in the room has either sinned or been sinned against in this area. Naming that honestly is the first step toward healing, not shame.

1 Corinthians 6:18

• **Sex is a signpost, not a destination.** Even at its best, sex points beyond itself — to the joy we'll know forever with Jesus, face to face. It was never meant to carry that weight alone.

Ephesians 5:32

• **Grace puts broken people back together.** Whatever you've done or had done to you, you're not defined by it. Jesus washes, sets free, and welcomes sexually broken people into a new identity — his own.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

02 COMMUNITY GROUP PREP

Before your group meets, take a few minutes with these:

1. Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 and 7:2-5 slowly. Notice where your view of sex has been shaped more by culture or past hurt than by God's design.
2. Sit with one question honestly: which lie about sex — casual, essential, or merely physical — do you find easiest to believe?
3. Pray Paul's words over yourself: 'I am not my own, but belong to God.' Ask him to make your group a place of surrender, not shame.

03 REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Where have you seen sex pulled out of its place — in your own story or in the culture around you?
2. Scripture calls us to flee sexual immorality. Where do you need to flee — and what would that look like practically this week?
3. Is there a next step of obedience in this area you've been putting off — a conversation, a boundary, a decision?
4. You've been washed, sanctified, and justified (1 Corinthians 6:11). Which is hardest to believe about yourself — and how would believing it change this week?

04 TABLE TALK

Don't let the conversation stop at the door.

- What's one gift God has given our family that's easy to take for granted?
- Where do you see our culture telling a different story than God does about love and marriage?
- A little boy once asked his mom, 'What does God do all day?' She said, 'He fixes broken things.' What's one broken thing you'd love for God to fix?
- Memory verse this week — read it, say it, learn it together:

You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. — 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

05 PREP FOR SUNDAY

Our whole church family will be together for Enjoy Weekend, August 20-22.

It all culminates on Sunday with baptisms all day, in every service. Come celebrate what Jesus has done in people's lives, and see what he might be inviting you into next.

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