

Series: Swimming in the Cultural Sea

Message: Sex

Culture = accepted ideas, priorities and expectations that direct our choices and actions.

The more important something is, the more sin will distort it

The more wonderful something is, the more sin will abuse it

Danger: the lies our culture tells

- Sex, marriage and babies are separate
- Pornography is harmless

Questions and considerations:

- Are there ways that you have adopted our culture's view of these issue?

Protections: the truth of God

- Sex is good in one way Hebrews 13:4, I Thessalonians 4:3-5, I Corinthians 7:1-4
 - *I Thessalonians 4:3-5 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control your own body^[a] in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister.*
- Sex creates life Genesis 4:1, Psalm 139:13-16
- Sex is more than intercourse
 - Matthew 5:27-29 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.
- Sex is powerful I Corinthians 6:12-20

Questions and considerations:

- What specific cultural norms do these passages oppose?
- Consider or discuss how seriously Jesus addressed the topic of sexual issues.
- The departure from the restraints that God ordained for sexuality has resulted in much pain and trouble. Consider the ways this is reflected in our culture.

Actions

- Don't dabble
- Learn about abortion
- Talk to your kids about sex
- Talk to your spouse about sex

Questions and considerations:

What is the danger of dabbling with sexual sin.

What might keep you from taking one or more of these actions.