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| SUMMARY: No matter where you look today, sex and sexuality is either being talked about or portrayed in some way. So what does the Bible say about it? What is the place of sex and sexuality in the life of a Bible believing Christian?From the first chapters of the Bible, the sexual identity of males and females is established. They are created to be unique but equal, both bearing the same image of God and in their sexual union, the two individuals become one family unit. Though the purpose of sex has always been the unity of husband and wife (Gen 2:24-25), there are some pretty amazing byproducts, namely children and pleasure. Both of which are a pretty huge deal to all humans.But when the purpose of sex and sexuality becomes all about you, when it’s merely for pleasure or gratification, it is no longer about unity, it then becomes about lust. Lust is the sin of misguided sexual desire, it’s the yearning for self-gratification and it’s everywhere in our world today. It floods our TV screens, covers our billboards and fills our social media. With sex in our face constantly, we must therefore be all the more aware about its place in our lives. We must acknowledge its importance, its beauty and its necessity within the life of a marriage commitment. What we must also see is that it points to an even deeper commitment and unity, the one between Jesus and his bride, the church (Ephesians 5:30-32). |

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| Lust in the book of proverbs1. Why does our world think the view of sexuality in the church is prudish?
2. Why do many Christians feel uncomfortable speaking about sex openly and honestly?
3. What does Genesis 2:24-25 say about sex & sexuality?
4. What would you say the purpose of sex is according to Genesis 2?
5. Was sex designed for marriage or marriage designed for sex? Why?
6. How does Proverbs 5:3-5 describe lustful desires?
7. What makes sex such a strong temptation for so many people?
8. Why do you think Proverbs always speak about misguided sexual desire in terms of adultery and temptress?
9. How are lust and Biblical sexual desire different?
10. How does sex point to the relationship Jesus has with the church? (Read Ephesians 5:30-32)
11. How is the Biblical vision for sex a lamp & a light? (Proverbs 6:23-25)
12. Why are sexual relations outside of a marriage relationship always wrong?
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