

How to Talk about Sex...

Even in the Church

We have sex on the brain.

Why is the Church silent?

- Lack of education
- Pastors are struggling
- Fear of the congregation

Four parts to this workshop

1. Common hang-ups
2. The Four-word Guide to Sex
3. How to Engage
4. Q & A: Stump the Chump

Why we stay silent

- Don't know what we believe
- Don't know how to start
- Always starting from a negative
- Hard to respond to attacks
- Fear of offending others
- Why bother?
- Fear of being found out

The Four-word Guide to Sex

Origins



Purpose



Mystery



Gift

Origins

26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...."

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

28 And God blessed them. And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply...."

Purpose

Procreation

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Union

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Delight

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Point us back to God

Mystery

Marital Imagery in the Bible

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Christ and the Church

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Free, Total, Faithful, Fruitful

Gift

We were created to be gifts given to
others

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Love as I have loved you,
says Christ!

The culture's four words

Sterility

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Purposelessness

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Clinical

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Taking

The end
of this
is
isolation...
and death.

How to engage

Problem: Don't know how to start

Solution: Gauge Knowledge

Problem: Responding to a negative

Solution: Lead with the positive

Problem: Responding to attacks

Solution: Gauge Interest/Openness

How to engage

Problem: We have a fear of offending others

Solution: Don't be defensive or judgmental

Don't apologize for your beliefs

Be suggestive, not proscriptive

Problem: Why bother?

Solution: Lead with compassion

How to engage

Problem: Fear of being found out

Solution: Work on your life first

Finally...

don't be afraid to say you don't know.

Closing Thoughts

- Sex is not what we do, but who we are
- Talking about sex begins and ends with the meaning of the human person
- Post-human society; atheism; Darwinism
- We have the good true and beautiful
- God is stirring His people. Listen to His call.

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