

Disciples Church

Marriage & Singleness Series - Session 10

**Intimacy**

Week of March 21, 2018

**Discussion Guide**

1. Pastor opened his lesson talking about the sobering reality of just how much influence and damage sin and a fallen society have done to God’s design of sexual intimacy. What are ways you have seen this hinder or hurt your own life or the lives of those you love?

2. The world’s agenda is to profane sex and make it mechanical and meaningless. How does this contradict God’s sacred design for sexual intimacy? In what ways do you see people slowly slipping into a casual indulgence or perspective of sexual intimacy?

3. Open your Bibles again to Proverbs 5.

What are some things you gleaned from Solomon’s strong counsel?

How can you as a group fight to flee from sexual sin and walk accountably with each other?

4. Read Genesis 1:27-28.

God is the designer of sexual intimacy. How have you failed to fully celebrate or embrace this and allowed yourself to have a lesser view of just how sacred and God-honoring intimacy is when in marriage?

5. Read Genesis 2:24-25 and 1 Corinthians 7:2-5.

God is clear that any form of physical/sexual intimacy is for marriage (the fireplace). Talk about how our culture and even many in the church slip into a mindset that gives allowance for sexual intimacy in the name of LOVE or COMMITMENT. What must we do to repent of this mindset or practice with ourselves, our church, and our families?

6. What questions came to mind when Pastor walked through the Why, What, Where, and When section of his lesson?

7. Look for ways to invite trusted, mature members/leaders of your group in to encourage you or hold you accountable to ways you want to grow in selflessly loving your spouse in the area of sexual intimacy.

8. Repentance means taking up a new course in light of the gospel and God’s word. How can you be doers and not hearers only when it comes to this topic? Maybe this means even confessing to your spouse areas you feel you have struggled or slacked in and talking together about the desire to take steps in a better direction.

**Pray together to close.**

\* Some of this topic might be too personal to share openly in the group setting, as you build those relationships. Please don’t be afraid to seek out trusted godly leaders/family to grow in this area in the effort of fighting sin, better loving your spouse, and honoring the Lord.