

DISCUSSION GUIDE

GOD'S WAY OUT OF SEXUAL TEMPTATION

1 Corinthians 7:2-5

For Better, For Worse — Week 4

ICEBREAKER: What bad habit have you broken?

OVERVIEW: The Bible says that God will always provide a way out of temptation. So, what about sexual temptation? The answer may surprise you. It has to do with marriage. God created marriage for several purposes, but one of them is to help us overcome sexual temptation. In this discussion we will go deeper with God's provision for sexual temptation.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Does it make you uncomfortable when the sermon is about sex? Explain.
3. Why has our culture become so sexually perverse?
4. Is it harder to be sexually pure today that it was fifty to one-hundred years ago? Explain.
5. Read 1 Corinthians 10:12-13.
 - a. What is temptation?
 - b. What does verse 12 say about resisting temptation?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 7:2-5 and refer to Sunday's sermon.
 - a. What is God's way out of sexual temptation?
 - b. According to this passage, what is your marital duty?
 - c. According to this passage, who does your body belong to?
 - d. When is it permissible to "deprive one another" of sexual relations?
 - e. How might this passage be misinterpreted?
 - f. Why is sexual sin such a big deal?
7. Why is it important to remember that your temptation is "common"?
8. What does this passage promise?
9. How do we find the "way out" when tempted?

The Last Word: Sex is a good thing because it is a God-thing.