

# Small Group Discussion Questions

// Week of March 3, 2024

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## LEADER INFO

**GROW** This section is based on the sermon from Sunday. You can find it here: <https://www.southsidelife.com/>

**ICE BREAKER** What was one highlight of your week? One lowlight?

## Bound Together

*“People often forget that sex was God’s idea!”*

### Read

Psalm 139:13-14

For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.  
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful,  
I know that full well.

Genesis 2:7

Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

## 1. What God has bound together should not be broken

- a. We are bound-together children of God. We are incredibly intricate and infinitely valuable... and what God has bound together should not be broken.
  - i. You are a mind, a will, emotions, a sense of humour (or a lack thereof!), physical, relational, financial, sexual...
    - 1. Part of who you are is a son or daughter, mom or dad, husband or wife, friend, aunt, uncle, coworker... That's why the death of loved ones is so hard. That's why divorce is so hard.
      - a. Discuss.
  
- b. Have you ever heard someone say "the bible is so old fashioned when it comes to sex"?
  - i. Have you ever felt that way?
  
  - ii. It's actually incorrect. The bible's teaching on sex has never been in fashion. It's not old-fashioned, but it is counter-cultural.
    - 1. In Proverbs 5:18, Solomon says "*Rejoice in the wife of your youth*". There's just one problem! Which one?
      - a. Solomon had 700 wives and 300 concubines. All bound-together children of God. All being used for sex.
        - i. Pastor Mike explained this by saying that the bible times compared to 2024: "same snow, different pile."
          - 1. Discuss.

**\*\*if you need to split into men's and women's smaller groups, do so now.**

- c. This year, the western world will spend enough money to feed 4.8 billion hungry people, on the pornography industry.
  - i. The devil is using sex to attack and enslave us, and it's one of the oldest tricks in his playbook. Therefore, the following is not to shame anyone, but to bring what you need freedom from to the light:
    - 1. Pornography harms those involved in the industry and its consumers.
      - a. Discuss.
    - 2. How is your relationship with pornography? How can we pray and support you?

*\*\* if you need external supports, we are here for you! Truly. Shame-free help and resources. Text the keyword CARE to 604-670-3040*

## **2. Pursuing what you already possess**

- a. In the beginning in the Garden of Eden, the serpent tempted Eve by saying "God doesn't want you to eat out of that tree because if you eat from it, you'll be just like HIM" and she really wanted that. So do we all.
  - i. We were created in God's own image. What does that mean to you?
  
- b. In 2024: the spirit of brokenness (the devil) will encourage you to pursue what you already possess, saying "Don't you want to be loved, valuable and beautiful?"
  - i. Which one have you struggled with most over your lifetime?
  
  - ii. We all want to be those things. It can be very hard to accept that we already are - and if we don't believe it, there's no limit to the depths we'll sink to.
    - 1. Discuss.

- iii. The truth is, you were born already:
1. Loved:
    - a. John 3:16 says that God loved us so much that He sent Jesus. You already ARE loved. Discuss.
  2. Valuable:
    - a. The value of anything is determined by the price paid for it. Jesus gave it all for you. Your value has already been established: you're worth everything. Discuss.
  3. Beautiful:
    - a. Jesus could have come to earth as the most dazzling star imaginable - but there was nothing innately attractive about Jesus. He came as the son of a carpenter. And then He died the ugliest death imaginable: He gave up His glory for YOU  
  
He rose again to present you to God: SPOTLESS.  
FLAWLESS. BEAUTIFUL. That's who you are. Discuss.

**PRAY**