



Life Group Work Sheet

Ephesians 5:1-7

Sex and Money

April 13, 2014

Getting to Know Each Other

1. Easter is next week! Who do you plan on inviting to our Easter services?
2. Have you ever said something that you regret? What happened after you said it? Why do we say things we regret so often?

Part 2 - Application

3. **Read Ephesians 5:3-5.** Think back on your day. Was your day filled more with foolish talk and crude joking or with thanksgiving?
 - a. If it was filled with the former, what were your reasons for filling your day with that? What are some ways that you can be more thankful instead?
 - b. Many of us work in secular workplaces, and as such we are given the opportunity to witness to others through our actions. Yet more often than not, we are influenced by these environments rather than being an influence. Are you influenced or are you an influencer? What are some steps that you can take to be a godly influence on the lives of your co-workers?
4. **Read Ephesians 5:6-7.** When Paul speaks of “empty words,” he is referring to words spoken as justification for unrighteous actions. Why are these “empty words” so dangerous?

5. **Read Ephesians 5:1-2.** What does it mean to be an imitator of God? How does this affect the way that we deal with sex, money, and our speech?
 - a. A friend of yours professes to be a Christian, but is consumed with money and how to make more of it. How do you imitate God when you are around him? How do you help him to imitate God?
 - b. What does it look like to “walk in love”? A friend of yours is a stay-at-home mom with three children. How should she “walk in love” in her interactions with her children? With her husband? With those outside the family?

How Far is Too Far?

It seems like one of the biggest questions that Christians have when they are in a dating relationship is, “How far is too far?” To put it another way, “How much can we get away with before it is considered to be sinful?”

Pastor Kurt has written a helpful blog post on this topic. We encourage you to read it sometime this week at <http://www.christ2rculture.com/styled/answerstoyourquestions/files/howfaristooofar.html>.

After reading, take some time to reflect and answer the following questions:

1. Think about your own past relationships. How far up the ladder did you go? Were your actions glorifying to God?
2. How do our actions before marriage defraud our marriage relationships? If you are married, did you defraud your marriage relationship through ungodly relationships beforehand?
3. Imagine a teenager comes to you and asks you this question, “How far is too far?”. How would you respond? How would you help them to stay pure in their relationship?
4. Our God is a God of grace. While he is certainly grieved over our shortcomings and failures, he offers us forgiveness at the cross. Take a few moments and right down some different things that God has forgiven you for in this area. Spend some time rejoicing over this good news.