



**GOD  
AND  
SEXUALITY**

**RESOURCES**

**SUNDAY, 31 JULY:**

**God & Sexuality**

*Where we start matters*

**SUNDAY, 7 AUGUST:**

**God & Sexuality:**

**Formation**

*How sex forms us*

**SUNDAY, 14 AUGUST:**

**God & Sexuality:**

**Marriage**

*God's design for life*

**SUNDAY, 21 AUGUST:**

**God & Sexuality:**

**Singleness**

*A life full & complete*

**WEDNESDAY, 24 AUGUST:**

**God & Sexuality:**

**Transgenderism (part 1)**

*God's design for our bodies*

**SUNDAY, 28 AUGUST:**

**God & Sexuality:**

**Transgenderism (part 2)**

*God's design for our bodies*

**WEDNESDAY, 31 AUGUST:**

**God & Sexuality:**

**The Gay Community  
(part 1)**

*What does Jesus say*

**SUNDAY, 4 SEPTEMBER:**

**God & Sexuality:**

**The Gay Community  
(part 2)**

*What does Jesus say*

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## THE WHY BEHIND THIS SERIES:

One of the biggest topics facing us in media, online, in education institutions and even in the workplace is around the changing ideas around sexuality. In a time of tinder, hook-up culture, porn, gender fluidity, same sex attraction, HBO, the politicisation of sex and all the gender debates, there are numerous voices clamouring to be heard on these topics. We can find ourselves stuck, not knowing what to say, what not to say, what to believe and what not to believe, when to take a stand and when to show compassion and understanding.

In this conversation it is easy to look around and point fingers at the broken sexuality we see in other people, but, if we are honest, we know that our own sexuality is broken too. No one can claim that they have arrived at a perfect understanding or expression of their sexuality. Many of us are carrying deep and painful wounds around our sexuality, often continuing to do things that cause more harm than health.

But deeper than this, at a personal level, we know that our sexuality has incredible power to form us, to bring health and flourishing, or pain and destruction. It informs how we see and treat ourselves and others around us, as people to be loved or objects for pleasure.

Whether we find ourselves confused, defensive, angry, hurt or even ambivalent, how we seek to navigate through all of this often has more to do with how we see the world than primarily, what we think about sexuality.

Our "God and Sexuality" series aims to explore and unpack the intent of God's design in this wonderful gift of life and sexuality. Knowing that the ways of God in ALL things lead to flourishing, life, joy and healing. We are not looking to pick a fight with anyone but rather show that any difference we may have, most probably, doesn't start with our beliefs on sexuality, but rather our beliefs on God and His intent and design for this world and its people. We are seeking for clarity that leads to healing, life and flourishing. We want to create a place for all people to bring their whole lives including their sexuality to Jesus and let him do the restoring work he needs to do.

## SUGGESTED EXTRA RESOURCES TO GO DEEPER:

### World View

- *Strange New World* by Carl Trueman
- *Live No Lies* by John Mark Comer
- *This Cultural Moment* podcast by John Mark Comer & Mark Sayers:  
<https://thisculturalmoment.com/>
- *Live No Lies* podcast by John Mark Comer
- *The Christian Veneer of a Sacred Journey* article by Andrew Bunt:  
<https://thinktheology.co.uk/blog/article/the-christian-veener-of-a-sacred-journey>

### Same sex attraction

- *Is God Anti-Gay* by Sam Alberry
- *Gay Girl, Good God: The Story of Who I Was, and Who God Has Always Been* by Jackie Hill Perry
- *What Does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality?* by Kevin DeYoung
- *The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert: An English Professor's Journey Into Christian Faith* by Rosaria Butterfield
- *The Plausibility Problem* by Ed Shaw

### Singleness

- *Seven Myths about Singleness* by Sam Alberry
- *Redeeming Singleness: How the Storyline of Scripture Affirms the Single Life* by Barry Danylak
- *Single in Christ - A Name Better Than Sons and Daughters* talk by John Piper:  
<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/single-in-christ>

### Marriage

- *What Did You Expect?* by Paul Tripp
- *The Meaning of Marriage* by Tim and Cathy Keller

### Our bodies

- *Transgender* by Vaughan Roberts (A helpful introduction to the topic)
- *What God has to say about our bodies* by Sam Alberry
- *Love Thy Body: Answering Hard Questions about Life and Sexuality* by Nancy Pearcey
- *Embodied: Transgender Identities, the Church and What the Bible Has to Say* by Preston Sprinkle
- *Transgender and Intersex* a talk by Andrew Wilson:  
<https://kings.church/teaching/transgender-and-intersex/>
- *Irreversible Damage* by Abigail Shrier (a non-Christian, secular view)

## NEXT STEPS TO CONSIDER:

*The following courses and resources will be on offer during or after the God & sexuality series:*

### **COURSES STARTING IN OCTOBER 2022:**

#### **Living In The Light:**

This course is intended to help men and woman who are struggling with pornography. It is not a destination but rather seeks to be part of the journey that has, as its ultimate objective, life-long victory over porn.

*For more information or to sign up email [Rose@commonground.co.za](mailto:Rose@commonground.co.za)*

#### **Divorce Recovery:**

This course is aimed at anyone, men and women, of any age, who have experienced or are experiencing the pain and devastation that accompanies separation and divorce, whether recent or years ago.

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#### **Single-minded Course:**

This is a course that explores what it means to be single in the context of one's life and faith. This course unpacks what the Bible says about singleness but also covers singleness from various other aspects too. The course also allows time for participants to share their stories and discuss the challenges and benefits of singleness. This course is open to men and women and those who attend can expect rich and rewarding fellowship, great input and reference to God's word for inspiration, confidence and direction.

*For more information or to sign up email [irena.nolte@commonground.co.za](mailto:irena.nolte@commonground.co.za)*

## OTHER NEXT STEPS:

Use the following WhatsApp Number to message us with any **tough questions** you may have over this series and we will do our best to assist you - 082 760 7514

Use the following WhatsApp Number to message us with any **pastoral assistance** you may need or **prayer needs** to share over this series and we will do our best to assist you - 082 253 3072