

Hillcrest Life Groups

Sermon Discussion Guide

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Why Does God Care Who I Sleep With?

Hebrews 13:4

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Get to Know You

What is a boundary or rule that always irritated you as a child?

Study the Book

What current boundary or rule do you find cumbersome?

How are boundaries or rules beneficial?

How can human-made boundaries or rules be detrimental?

1) What's the boundary?

Read Hebrews 13:4

In the context of this verse, anything that isn't intimacy between a wife and husband is regarded as either casual or illicit or both. And that's why throughout the Bible, you read that adultery is out, pornography is out, polyamory is out, same-sex encounters are out, cohabitation is out, casual hook-ups are out.

Pastor Tom

Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-13

How do we find freedom within the boundaries God has provided in Scripture?

2) Why the boundary?

Read Genesis 2:24

Marriage is a contract, or—better—a covenant. In the wedding ceremony, we publically commit ourselves to the well-being of the other. Sex then reflects this bond of marriage and strengthens it. We understand this even if we've never read a Bible. Sex has emotional and relational elements to it that go beyond the mere satisfaction of genital stimulation. Even when bodies join together outside the confines of marriage, it provokes feelings of loyalty, safety, and sensitivity.

Pastor Tom

How are God's boundaries superior to human-made boundaries?

Group Application and Discussion

3) How do we live out the biblical boundary?

How can we honor marriage in a world that increasingly devalues lifelong marriage?

How can we guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy in a world that has made sex a casual, consumable entertainment?

Personal Reflection and Application

What changes do you need to make in your life to increasingly honor marriage and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy?