

The Bible and Sexuality Sermon Series

by Pastor Jim

We are looking forward to addressing some important topics with our church family beginning on May 28/29 in our worship services. This will be a **three week** series that covers: (1) The Bible and sexuality, (2) same-sex attraction, and (3) purity and pornography. We believe these matters are healthy and good for us to have conversations about with our children. We will make a point to do so biblically and appropriately. But we realize it may affect who you invite to join you at church and what you choose for your children and grandchildren on those weekends. Since we believe that parents are the first and best disciplers of their children, we want to honor your role in initiating these conversations and choosing when to have them.

It is worth noting that Moses commanded the Israelites to regularly read the entire Law to the people. He also made sure to include children. Listen to Deut. 31:12-13...

"Assemble the people, men, women and little ones, and the sojourner in your towns, that they may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, and be careful to do all the words of the law, and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God."

The first five books of Moses speak frequently about many topics, some of which we might label PG-13 or even adult material. But children weren't excluded from these discussions. In fact, the little ones were specifically invited. It seems the Lord in his wisdom gave his people a place within the spiritual community to appropriately discuss sexuality. These topics were brought to the entire community and dealt with honestly.

Could it be that there is so much sexual confusion in the church because we fail to preach faithfully through all of Scripture? To read more about this perspective please check out this article: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/sex-in-the-sermon>

Some of you may be trying to decide if this is the right time to initiate this kind of discussion with your children. One option certainly is to have your younger children go to Promiseland on these three weekends. But what about those who have graduated from Promiseland? While we believe most teenagers are ready to receive appropriate Biblical teaching, ultimately you as parents must decide. To accommodate any families who do not want their 6-8 grade students in the services, Niki Oury is offering for any children in this age group to participate in Promiseland (along with the normal up to 5th graders) on those three weekends... either at the Saturday 6:00 p.m. or Sunday 8:15 a.m. services. They will either help serve the younger children or have age-appropriate activities of their own. We have also lined up a supervised gym activity for 6-8th graders at these two service times. We will remind you again on those weekends so you won't be caught off guard.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any pastor or elder.
Pastor Jim for the Elders & Pastors