

WISDOM'S CRY
Adultery vs. Purity
Small Group Discussion Questions

Case Study "Rules"

1. Make the gender in the story fit with your gender.
2. "Go talk to the Pastor" is NOT an answer!
3. Procedure:
 - a. Read the case study.
 - b. 3-5 minutes of ABSOLUTE silence as you think about what you would say based on Scripture. (Provide Scripture references if possible.)
 - c. EVERYONE share what they came up with. (Don't change what you would say because someone else said something different.)
 - d. 1-2 minutes (of silence) to rethink what you would say.
 - e. Everyone share any changes they want to make to their initial thoughts.

Case Study #1:

Billy has been married for 3 years and they seem to have a good marriage, they are even expecting their first child. You go out to lunch with Billy where he breaks down sobbing and confesses that he has been viewing pornography daily for the last 5 years. His wife caught him last week and told him that she is going to leave him if he doesn't give it up. What Billy's wife doesn't know is that Billy has been using money from their savings to pay for a prostitute while he is out on business trips. What will you tell Billy?

Case Study #2:

Suzy is 48. She is married with two girls who are in college. She is highly successful in her field and is even involved in upper management in her company. However, her marriage is a wreck. She suspects that her husband is cheating on her and they have not had any kind of intimacy for years. She is very attracted to one of her coworkers (who is also unhappily married) and feels a bond with him that she hasn't felt with her husband since their children were little. They haven't had sex, but the thought has definitely crossed her mind. She has an appointment with a lawyer tomorrow to draw up divorce papers. Suzy comes to you asking for advice. What will you say?

Questions:

Why do you think that fundamentalists are twice as likely to look at pornography than other Christians? What can we do as individuals and as a church to change that?

Think about the words that Solomon said to his son in Proverbs 5. If you had a 14-year-old son (or daughter), what would you say to them about God-honoring sex and sexuality?

Why does the Bible speak so boldly and brashly about sex like it does in Proverbs 5, the Song of Solomon, and other passages?

Are there some things that you need to do this week to practice radical amputation? (Note: If you say what you are going to do this week, you are giving your group permission to ask you if you followed through...this is what small groups are all about!)

Read Proverbs 5:21. How will this change the way that you handle your sexual relationship with your spouse? (If you are unmarried: How will this change the way you stay pure?)