

FEBRUARY 5

GENESIS 1:28; 2:25; 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

DISCUSSION WIN:

As a group, behold Jesus in a way that delivers you from shame and sexual sin.

DISCUSS GOD'S WORD:

- 1. Where did you first learn about sex? A parent? School? A friend? Was it a positive experience?
- 2. Read 1 Corinthians 6:12-20. Paul's main command is found in verse 18: flee from sexual immorality. Re-read the passage and look for the reasons why believers should flee from sexual immorality.
- **3.** In verse 20, Paul talks about a "price" that is paid for sexual immorality. Can you explain what this verse means and how you would explain it to a younger person?
- **4.** Sexual immorality is any sexual expression outside of marriage. Can you identify examples of sexual immorality that are present in Raleigh? How might our church be tempted to engage in these behaviors?
- 5. Have you ever felt trapped in sin? Whether it be sexual sin or not, how can believers be free from sin? (For help, look at Romans 6:7-11)
- 6. Verse 19 says that the Holy Spirit dwells within us. How can His presence help us in our battle against sin?
- 7. What does shame feel like? How would you describe this feeling?
- 8. Sin always brings shame. Jesus experienced the effects of sin, including shame, in our place. Read Isaiah 53:3-6. How might this vision of Jesus' suffering in our place propel us to flee sexual immorality?
- **9.** (Optional) Divide into same-gender groups of 2-3 to pray for one another in light of past and present battles with sexual immorality.