

# SCRIPTURE CARD GUIDE FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

"IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW, NOW YOU KNOW" AUGUST 13 & 14

## SERIES OVERVIEW:

Too often we view the Laws or Commandments of God as if God is angry with us, pointing His finger at us and saying, "You better behave or I'm gonna getcha!" But is this the tone of the Commandments? What are God's heart intentions in giving us the Commandments? We believe God has given us His Commandments so that the life we live would be filled with joy, full, and satisfying, as we bring Him honor and care for His creation. How do we do this? Easy, just Love God and Love people. Maybe not so easy.

*Follow the directions below for a guided group discussion with a friend, in a family, small group, etc.  
Grab a Scripture Card (printed or electronic) and simply follow steps from 1 to 6 on this page and the next.*

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## OPENING PRAYER AND SCRIPTURE:

*About 2 minutes*

Ask a volunteer to open in prayer.

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## BIG IDEA:

*A minute to read*

Three times in 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 Paul asks the question, "Do you not know...?" Clearly the Corinthians didn't know some important truths about the topic of sex and sexuality. Culture has always had a lot to say about the topic, but most of it is untrue, narrow, and selfish. But God has truth for us about sex, truth about how we were designed, the oneness of body and soul, and about how to live a life that honors Him.



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Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies. - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NIV

## Reflect

**Read the full passage in your Bible - 1 Corinthians 6:12-20.**

What word or phrase is the Holy Spirit highlighting from the scripture reading?

What might be God's invitation to you in this?

What might be God's challenge to you in this?

How might God be calling you to respond?  
Be curious...and then do it.



## DISCUSSION HELP:

Use follow-up questions to take the discussion deeper. Guide answers to be honest and real.

**Can you say more about that?**

**How have you seen that play out in your life?**

**What does that stir up in you?**

**Has anyone else had a similar thought or experience?**

**What might God be inviting you to do?**

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## SCRIPTURE READING + GROUP DISCUSSION

*About 40-45 minutes*

Looking again at v 12, give some silly/fun examples of things adults are technically "allowed" to do, but what may not be wise, safe, or good to actually do.

Describe how you viewed sex, marriage, and relationships when you were growing up. What gaps did you see between the ideal picture and reality?

God only wants good things for us. Why do you think we are tempted to believe otherwise?

What are the benefits and good things God wants to give us as part of a healthy marriage?

Spirit and body are connected. What lies does our culture want us to believe about sex?

Read also Matthew 5:27-28. The 6th Commandment and Jesus' broadening of it are given as protections for our bodies, our souls, and our relationships. Describe this protection in your own words.

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## INTRO QUESTION:

*About 10 minutes*

Share High's/Low's in your life since the group last met. How did you see God at work in them?

## 5 CLOSING GROUP PRAYER:

About 10 minutes

Reflect on the Scripture Card Prayer Prompt individually.

The leader or apprentice will open in prayer and allow a time for "popcorn" prayer from group members. The leader or apprentice will close the prayer.

# TAKE IT DEEPER



WORSHIP



GROW



SERVE



REACH

### Pray

Talk to God about the tension between our culture and the messages it sends about this area AND the messages God is sending to you through scripture.

Pray this prayer each day this week... "Lord Jesus, make my heart, make our hearts and thoughts captive and obedient to you alone."

Thank God for his faithfulness and commitment to form you and shape you more and more and more like Jesus.

### Live It Out

*Wrestle with this statement from 1 Corinthians 6:12, "I have the right to do anything—but I will not be mastered by anything." Confess to God the things in your life that have had mastery over you. Ask him for strength today (and again tomorrow, and so on) to take your thoughts and actions captive to him alone. Surrender to him...to walk in his ways and live for his glory this week.*

## 6

### LIVE IT OUT:

About 2 minutes

Read the "Live It Out" section and invite the group to take the steps noted. Discuss the experience the next time the group gathers.