GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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DO JUSTICE
Part 4: Sex
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NOTES

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our community group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?

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This is a very complex topic; if at all possible, please listen to Pastor Matt's August 8, 2021 message either before or right after this discussion to help with context.

Share your story: *Where do you land on this spectrum in regard to heterosexuality, homosexuality, and transgenderism...*

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True or False: *"There is no such thing as a gay Christian or a straight Christian who uses porn."* Explain.

The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector." (Luke 18:11)

What are some forms of sexual or gender expression toward which you have *never* been drawn: (pre-marital sex, adultery, same-sex attraction, transgenderism, or polyamory)?

When have you been tempted to say, "God, thank you that I am not like [fill-in-the-blank]?" What are some forms of sexual expression, if acted upon, would run contrary to God's intentions for sex?

For example: *"Everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart."* Jesus (Matthew 5:28)

Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

True or False: *"If you commit sexual sin, you will not inherit the Kingdom of God."* Explain. In light of our sexuality, what does it mean to submit our lives, and bring honor, to Jesus?

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How has your struggle, or the struggle of a family member or friend, caused you to be more compassionate about the distress of those who are in the middle of their own sexual struggle?

In his message, Pastor Matt mentioned a helpful organization called Posture Shift, which helps Christians adjust their posture (not position) on this week's topic. For more information, you can explore their ministry at https://www.leadthemhome.org.