

Honoring God with Our Bodies (5/15/22)

Main Verses: I Corinthians 5-7 (various verses on sexual morality)

Key Verse: I Corinthians 6:19-20

'Takeaway': Yes, God is spirit. But he wants each of us to honor him with our body & spirit, both inside & outside.

Getting Started: A few weeks ago (May 1), we talked about how we, as God's image bearers, should live in a way that brings honor to our King. What does that mean for you in your life?



READ the main verses (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

Toddler/PreK:

- What does it mean to be a temple of the Holy Spirit? (Think about the foundation of the building from last week.)
- What does "bought with a price" refer to?
- How can we glorify God by making good choices with our bodies (i.e., what we do with our eyes, ears, mouth, feet, hands, etc.)? (What are some of those good choices we can make?)

Elementary:

- What do you think it means to be a temple of the Holy Spirit? What did we talk about last week regarding building in the kingdom of God?
- What was the purchase price for our bodies? Who paid it?
- How can we glorify God in our bodies (i.e., what we do with our eyes, ears, mouth, feet, hands, etc.)? Can you think of some good choices you can make with your body that will honor God?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

Toddler/PreK:

- We are made in the image of God.
- God wants us to think carefully about the choices we make with our minds, hearts, & bodies (i.e., what we do with our eyes, ears, mouth, feet, hands, etc.).
- Jesus died on the cross to pay the price for us. He rose on the third day so that we can, through faith in Jesus, know God & live for Him.

Elementary:

- We are made in the image of God...we are image bearers. We should treat our bodies, inside and out, as God's image bearer.
- . God wants us to think carefully about the choices we make with our minds, hearts, and bodies (teacher: with older kids, sex or romance could be included as an example, but please do so discerningly).
- Christ's blood on the cross was the purchase price for us and our bodies.
- We need to obey God and not do anything with our bodies (inside or outside) that does not glorify and honor Him.

An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God, thanking him for making you in his image, & for loving you. Thank God for sending Jesus to die on the cross & rise again so that we can, through faith in Jesus, know God & live for Him. Talk to Him about how you can honor Him by making good choices with your body.

(Elementary) Talk to God, thanking him for creating you in his image. Thank God for his great love & mercy in sending Jesus to die & rise again so that through faith in him, we can know & love God. Talk to him about how you can honor him by making good choices with your body, inside and outside.