

***RIVERSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCHES***  
**QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION**  
**Faithfulness in your Body, Mind and Soul – Ephesians 5:1-14**

1. Why do you think the bible's ideas about sex and sexual sin so confronting and controversial in today's world?

Read Ephesians 5:1-3

2. Jesus was never married and never had sex. How does the bible make the connection between the love of Jesus and sexual faithfulness or immorality? (If you're struggling try Revelation 19:6-10)
3. In our passage Paul speaks about 'sexual immorality' but doesn't really explain what it is. Based on the rest of the bible, what is sexual immorality?
4. Do you think sexual immorality is a problem in the church (or for Christians generally)? If sex outside of God's design is clearly against God's will, why is it such a problem for Christians? What is behind this temptation?

Read Ephesians 5:4-7

5. How is crude joking and filthiness the opposite of thanksgiving? (v4) What is it about crude joking and filthiness that so appeals to people at various stages of life? When are you most tempted to get caught up in that kind of talk? How can we avoid this temptation?
6. How can Paul declare that people committing a certain kind of sin can't go to heaven? Is that not the opposite of the gospel? Can someone be both committed to Christ and committed to sexual immorality?
7. What are the empty words related to sexuality that the world of this age wants to convince you of?

Read Ephesians 5:7-14

8. What is Paul's point as he speaks about darkness and light? How is the light meant to affect the darkness?
9. Think about where you think you are most tempted in this area (feel free to share or not share). Think about the seriousness of stepping away from Jesus. How can we help each other stay strong?