

# Sermon Questions

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**Series:** Body for God

**Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

**Speaker:** James Allison

**Title:** Talk #1 – Two Extremes

***\*\*\* These questions are designed as a starting place for your facilitation. We encourage you to look through the sample questions and modify them to your specific group. These questions are not meant to be a comprehensive list but rather a grid to help you start thinking through the talk and how you think your group may have responded towards it. These questions will work better if you have taken notes of specific quotes, ideas and questions from what was said.\*\*\****

## **What do you think?**

- Re-read through the following passages James preached through.
  - 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
  - Colossians 1:16
- What stands out to you from this scripture and or from what James said in his sermon? How so?
- James talked about two extremes, body worshipers and body neglectors. He talked about how neglectors have a tendency to live with more feelings of guilt and Body worshipers have a tendency to live with more feelings of pride. Which of these tendencies have you tended in the past to relate to more in regards to you're body? Why or how so? How about in your life currently? Why or how so?
- If you are a more of a body worshiper, like James talked about, do think/realize that there are people in your life who are being negatively affected by your worship of your own body? What does that look like?
- If you are a neglector of your body, like James talked about, do you think/realize that there are people in your life are being negatively affected by your neglect of your own body? What does that look like?

## **What are you feeling?**

- This conversation, more than likely, is very uncomfortable because our bodies feel like such a private thing. As James was giving us God's word Sunday morning, how were you feeling during and after the sermon?
  - LEADER: If the conversation is very dry (people don't want to talk about this subject) you may want to spend a great deal of time on various aspects of this question above because we will be talking about it for the next several weeks. Here are a few other questions that may get the conversation started?
- What feelings were you given about your body growing up? Who gave you those feelings? How do those feelings tangibly haunt you still in your daily life? Do those feelings seem impossible to break out of most of the time? Have you ever broken away or fought those feelings during a season of your life? What caused you to do that?
- Like James talked about with the short story of the prophet Elijah, how do you feel that your worship or neglect of your body effects your spiritual relationship with God?

## **What will you do?**

- LEADER: Being an intro to the series, the biggest application is probably just getting to a place where they can talk about this openly as a group. Also, you knowing your group better than anyone else, you should think through some tangible application questions if you feel they are necessary.
- How could this group continue to encourage each other in this area of "Body for God"?
- Don't forget to pray for each other.