Sermon Date: Sunday, October 1



Today, we continue our series "The Elephant in the Room" by discussing sexuality. Plenty of people struggle with issues related to this topic. Perhaps it's an elephant in your life, and you don't want anybody else to know it's there. When it comes to this elephant, like last week's, we can ignore it and pay the price or address it and move toward God's best and flourish.

Warm Up:

1. What's something big or small that happened this week that you're thankful for?

Key Passage: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Discussion Questions:

- 2. What does our culture have to say about sexuality? How does that message differ from the message of the Bible? What does it mean that the world has a distorted view of sexuality?
- 3. As we noted last week regarding alcohol, our personal choices have a collateral impact. How is this the case regarding temptations around sexuality, especially those that seem isolated from impacting those around us?
- 4. Why does Paul use the phrase "do not be deceived" in verse 9? How could we be tempted to downplay sexual sin? How does this compare to what Jesus says in Matthew 18:9 and what Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 6:18? Why does sexual temptation require such intentional steps to avoid? What could this look like practically?
- 5. What does it mean that our temptations are not our choice; our actions are our choice? Give some examples of this reality. How does this connect to what we discussed in question 4?
- 6. What does it mean that we often think that the sexual sin we don't struggle with is worse than the sexual sin we do struggle with?
- 7. In 1 Corinthians 6:11, Paul writes: "Such were some of you..." What does he mean by this? What does this say about our identity in Christ? See Romans 6:1-4.
- 8. What does it mean that your past or current struggle with sexual sin doesn't define you; Jesus defines you? How can we give this hope to those who struggle with shame regarding past or recent battles with sexual sin? See Romans 8:1-2.
- 9. How can we move toward obedience to God in the area of sexuality?