

## November 18, 2007 | QUESTIONS FOR PAINT BALL SUNDAY

Below is the list of questions that were addressed in the Service. Please listen to the MP3 audio recording for the answers.

### MISCELLANEOUS

1. God hates evil and says we should hate it too. How do we demonstrate that and yet demonstrate love?
2. In the 11/04 Service re: homosexuality, Ken mentioned that temptation is not a sin unless acted upon. Jesus said that when a man lusts in his heart after a woman, he's committed adultery with her in his heart, and that when one person expresses hatred for another, God also instructs Christians that if one lusts for another, it's a form of murder. Since God knows our every thought (whether it be temptation, lust, or hatred), when do "thoughts" then become sins?
3. Can you talk about how *look but don't touch* is one of today's "okays?" Can you talk about how this can be hurtful/disrespectful to your partner when done obviously or commented about?
4. How should we as Christians deal with people who have fallen; i.e., already experienced sex, or been raped and opted for abortion?
5. If a child came home and said he/she was gay and began living with their partner, how should Christian parents define love? What should they do or not do? Where should they draw the line?

### LAWSUITS

6. I understand that we are not to pursue lawsuits, but what if the only way to regain equal time with your children is by going through the court system?

### HOMOSEXUALITY

7. What advice would you give to someone who has fallen in love with someone of the same sex but has not acted on it?
8. Is it right that the church labels homosexuals as homosexuals...or are they people who struggle with sin? By this I mean society has said they are homosexuals, but if sin is not what we are defined by should we still label them as homosexuals...or people who struggle with issues of homosexuality?
9. How should we respond to being called 'homophobic' just because we disagree with that lifestyle?

10. If you know someone who is struggling with homosexual issues, pornography, or addiction, who can you talk to at church to get help?

#### PORNOGRAPHY

11. Ken said that internet porn sites are not like Playboy. Is he saying that Playboy and mags like this are safe?
12. Can an addiction to pornography be cured? How?

#### SEX BEFORE MARRIAGE

13. In biblical times most men and women were married in their late teens. With people marrying later than teens in this day and age, is it a realistic expectation to have people waiting until marriage to have sex? Waiting until 18-20 years old is different than 25-35 when we all have strong urges. How does one control these urges?
14. Prior to marriage, is there a cut off point when it comes to a couple's physical relationship?
15. How does a parent teach their child about the beauty of sex—but to wait until marriage without just telling them *not to do it*.
16. Adam and Eve weren't married. Was it wrong for them to have sex?
17. People make mistakes and marry the wrong people—creating a lot of pain for them—and for the rest of the family. When a marriage ends, people often find another partner, but may decide not to marry out of fear and mistrust. Must those people remain celibate under those circumstances?
18. Does sex before marriage blind you to a realistic picture of the other person?
19. Was Brian saying last Sunday that masturbation is not sexual immorality when it is done carefully and with thought?
20. Is masturbation wrong for your teens if it keeps them from having sex? What would you say to growing/developing children or adolescents who will find themselves drawn to it?

#### SEX

21. Why did God create men and women so differently—men so highly sex-driven—i.e. quickly visually enticed—and women so emotionally dependent for arousal?
22. Are some people more sex-driven than others?

**23.** Are sex toys okay in a marriage?

#### LIVING TOGETHER BEFORE MARRIAGE

**24.** Brian spoke about the need for public marriage vows. What is the scriptural reference for this?

**25.** While there is Scripture concerning homosexual sex, does the Scripture that discusses sexual immorality pertain to both hetero and homosexual encounters?

**26.** After many sexual partners the moral walls need rebuilding. How does Jesus heal us and help us to rebuild the barriers that have been broken down?

**27.** If the church is a safe place for everyone to worship, is there an invisible line?