OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who*, *What*, *Where*, *When*, *How*, *Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1) What does this passage teach us about us?

a) What verses 9-10 teach us about our sin? About our sexual sin? Why would sexual sin separate a person from God (out of the kingdom)?

b) What are some ways that we put sex/sexuality at the center of our lives?

2) What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Verse 13 says that the body is for the Lord and the Lord for the body. This is worship language. What does this passage teach us about worshiping God with our bodies?

3) What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ? a) Verse 11 - What does knowing that you are washed, sanctified, and justified by God mean to you? To your sexuality?

b) Paul's central argument is verse 17 (notice he doesn't go back to the law of Moses; he goes back to union with Christ). How does union with Christ inspire you to use your body for God's glory?

APPLICATION

a) How would you respond to someone who says that their identity is their sexuality?

b) How would you respond to someone who says that God doesn't care what we do with our bodies?

c) Where do you need to flee sexual immorality? How might you run to Christ instead?

d) How might our church do better at loving someone who is struggling with sexual identity/immorality?

FIGHTER VERSES: Ephesians 4:1-6.

PRAYER

- Praise God for his washing, sanctification, and justification through Christ.
- Confess ways that you are still putting sex/sexuality at the center of your life.
- Ask God to help you remember your union with Christ, giving him his rightful place at the center of your heart.