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IG18 [Session 18]	<i>Engaging in hard questions about the body and sexuality</i>
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Promotional message	Questions about the body and sexuality have come to dominate our lives and culture. Let's engage intelligently and compassionately in these challenges, and interrogate assumptions and worldviews with what Scripture has to say.
Abstract	We cannot avoid the pervasive influence of the culture's dominant views of the body and sexuality. Our children and the students and young adults we minister to are disciplined by their schools, media and peers to automatically assume that contemporary Western sexual morality is enlightened and progressive, while viewing Christian sexual morality as backward and oppressive. It's not only children and young people who are affected by these contemporary views about the body and sexuality. We ourselves in the church can be confused about what to believe and why we believe it. We need wisdom and compassion for young people who are confused by the culture's lies and false promises about sexual freedom, so that we can engage with them and guide them toward God's design and purpose for human sexuality and flourishing. We will look at the underlying worldview of today's popular understanding of what it means to be a human being and how it leads to the valorization of abortion, transgenderism and sexual freedom. We will discuss how to have conversations about these sensitive topics with young people who have been conditioned to

	accept the contemporary cultural dogma, and we will examine what Scripture has to say about human beings, our bodies and sexuality.
Special note	Are you wondering why sexuality and gender have become the primary moral issues of our age? Let's talk about these hard questions together and find what can lead us out of confusion and toward wisdom and wholeness.