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RESONATE MAGAZINE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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Use these discussion questions to dig deeper into the articles in your small group, church gathering or personal reflection.

Sex in the City by Caryn Rogers

1. How would your friends and family react if you, like Lyndal Brunner, started having breakfast each morning with the girls from the brothel next door?
2. In what ways have we in the Western world made sex a consumer item?
3. “There is little difference between prostitution and casual sex other than a socially acceptable financial gain.” Do you think prostitution is a socially acceptable profession in Australia? What about casual sex? What’s the difference?
4. Read John 8:1-11. How did Jesus respond to this woman?
5. Just as in Thailand, some tertiary students here in Australia view prostitution as a part time job to support themselves (refer to an article from *The Age* March 2008 - <http://www.theage.com.au/articles/2008/03/01/1204227055215.html>). What’s your reaction to this? Do you consider this just another legitimate way to make a buck? Why/why not?
6. According to Micah Challenge, every day nearly 7,500 people become infected with HIV and 5,500 die from AIDS, mostly due to a lack of HIV prevention and treatment services. What do you think our response as followers of Jesus should be? As part of the Millennium Development Goals, the international community aims to, by 2015, halt and begun to reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS. Check out the Micah Challenge website (www.micahchallenge.org.au) to see how you can get involved in biblical response to injustice.
7. “Thailand bears the marks of a country steeped in its own Eastern culture, while battling under the weight of Western marketing.” What other ways does Western culture effect other cultures?
8. Read the story behind the song ‘God of this City’ at <http://blogs.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=blog.view&friendID=85624324&blogID=366921286>. Take some time out to worship God in the area where you live and discover what His heart is for that area.

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9. Why do we seem to be afraid of talking in church about sex? What kind of mindset does this create for young Christians?

10. Lyndal insists that prostitution limits people's understanding of their self-worth. She says that by helping people to understand what it means to be made in God's image we communicate a fundamental message of their worth in God's love. Who in your life do you think needs to understand this truth? How can you help them to see it?

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