

# The Gospel Gone Wrong: Sexual Abuse and the Church

## 1) What Sex Should Be

- Defined by God (Genesis 1 and 2)
- Within a relationship that points to the gospel (Ephesians 5:32)

*Helpful Books: Pure Sex, by Payne and Jensen (Matthias Media)*

## 2) What Sexual Abuse Is

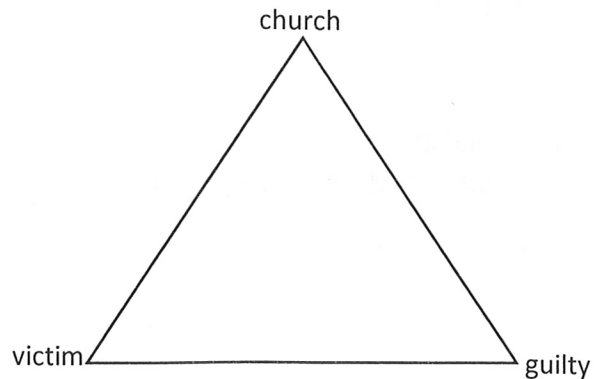
- Sexual assault is “any type of sexual behaviour or contact where consent is not freely given or obtained and is accomplished through force, intimidation, violence, coercion, manipulation, threat, deception or abuse of authority” (Holcomb and Holcomb, p28).
- “Contact offenses involve touching and fondling through to sexual penetration. Non contact offenses include verbal sexual harassment, indecent exposure, ‘peeping’ and exposure to pornography” (Child Wise Australia, p25).
- A perversion and misuse of God’s good design.
- A lie.

*Helpful Books: Rid of my Disgrace, by Holcomb and Holcomb (Crossway)*

## 3) A Personal Story

#### 4) A Word to the Church

- The need for prevention.
- The need for a biblical response.



Helpful Books: *Serious theological texts (various)*

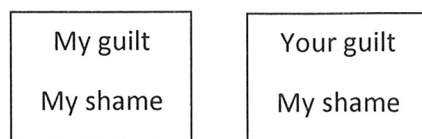
*You Can Change, by Tim Chester (IVP)*

*Unpacking Forgiveness, by Chris Brauns (Crossway)*

*Evil and the Cross, by Henri Blocher (Apollos)*

*Towards Belief DVD Series: Church abuse, by Karl Faase (Olive Tree Media)*

#### 5) A Word to the Victims



- The gospel and shame
- The gospel and the future

#### 6) A Word to the Guilty

- Hell or hope, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

#### 7) Next Steps

- Honest discussion about prevention
- Honest discussion about a biblical response