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“Recovering Identity.”

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SESSION 1

MAIN POINT

We need to calibrate our thoughts to what Jesus has already said. Genesis 1:26/John 1:14

INTRODUCTION:

Did you/would you want to know the gender of your baby before it's birth? Why or why not?

1. **Gender Identity:** Gen 1:26-28; John 1:14; **video**;
 - a. Our culture is experiencing a rise in gender dysphoria and culture is carrying the conversation. The church must provide a theological foundation for gender identity and equip our congregations with the ability to respond to others with both conviction and kindness.
The Bible's teaching on sexuality is becoming increasingly disregarded or scorned in our culture, yet we are called to tell the truth about these things, even when they are offensive.
-Anchored in something that never changes: Bible; respond with grace and truth,
-Full of compassion for others: many times we get caught in this statement: -“We are ok if people sin, as long as their sin is same as ours.”
- The Bible tells us to flee from sexual immorality (1 Cor. 6:18).

In contrast with all other sins, immorality is against one's own body. The meaning of these words is difficult to determine. Many sins, such as substance abuse, gluttony, and suicide, have detrimental effects on the body. Paul's words do not refer to disease and/or other damage caused by sin. Instead, his words are linked to the preceding discussion of 6:12–17. There Paul established that Christians' bodies are joined with Christ so that they become “members of Christ” (6:15) himself.

- A. How do we respond to gender identity? Calibrate to what Jesus has already said. Gen 1:26-38. Eph 5:31-32.
God designed gender to be a unique display of Glory of Christ. **video**
- B. How do we respond/love everyone well? John 1:14. Grace and truth!!!! **video**.
Graph teaching through 4 quadrants. 28:13-29 video
- C. **video**

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Questions to Guide Your Group's Discussion

What does this passage say?

What did this passage mean to its original audience?

What does this passage tell us about God?

What does this passage tell us about man?

What does this passage demand of me?

How does this passage change the way I relate to people? (How can you use this information this week at work or with friends and neighbors?)

What enslaving sin do you need to seek freedom from?

How does this passage prompt me to pray to God?

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SESSION 2

MAIN POINT

Discuss a biblical Christ-centered world view of sexuality. (Parents are the primary pastors of your kids) Gen 2:17-20

INTRODUCTION

What is your visual image of the perfect garden?

What have you discovered about the nature of men and women?

1. Sexuality

- a. We live in an overly sexualized culture and people need to understand God has a plan for human flourishing. God has a plan and a purpose for intimacy and relationships. **video** biblical Christ centered view. Gen 2:17-20 tells us God's plan. God placed a desire for relationships inside of us. As we mature the desire for intimacy relationship grows.

Video

Play Brian McKnight "Back to One"

Gen 2:21-22

Go's plan for intimacy is a lifelong monogamous marriage between one man and one woman. God's plan from beginning. Physically intimacy is a gift from God.

video

video how far is too far.

video

1. Surrender to Jesus: seek his leadership in your life for this Happiness, peace, fulfillment
2. Release and Remove and Move on.
3. Commit to physical and mental monogamy both physical and mental.
4. Realize pornography is harmful. It rewires the pleasure sensors of your brain.
5. Rejoice: celebrate all that Jesus has done for you.

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SESSION 3

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How am I defined as a Woman? The only voice that matters is the voice of our Creator God. *Proverbs 31:30; Gen 1:27;*

INTRODUCTION

(Women) Of all the TV sitcom women, with whom do you identify most?

(Men) To which of these women would you prefer to be married?

1. **Biblical Womanhood:** *Proverbs 31:30; Gen 1:27; Eph 5:31-32; 2 Timothy 1:5;*
 - a. God designed gender with a plan and a purpose, to display the glory of His Son Jesus Christ.
 - b. **VIDEO** Questions on what it means to be a woman. Culture's narrative from marketing, college campus, to our creator's definition. Culture denies the dignity of women. Culture also Distorts true beauty and Exploits women.
 - c. **VIDEO** Read Proverbs 31:30 What does this passage say? What does this passage tell us about men and women?
 - d. **VIDEO** culture always changes it mind.
 - e. Read Gen 1:27> *women are designed with dignity!* Therefore, discuss what your dignity is not designed or defined by....
 - f. **VIDEO** Read Gen 2:18: *women are a unique display of the Glory of God*
 - g. **VIDEO** *Ephesians 5:31*
 - h. 2 Tim 1:5: Kingdom Expanders> *Generational impact of women in a family*
 - i. **VIDEO** men have issues. But you may feel less/don't measure up. Pray time led by Pastor Wade.

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SESSION 4

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What is your legacy going to be? Make a Christian impact right where you are (home, work, neighborhood, sports field, etc) to advance the Gospel. Totally surrender your life to Jesus Christ. Matthew 6:20-21 2 Timothy 4:1-22

INTRODUCTION

What is one principle your father lives/lived by? (Men) What is one principle you live by now? (Women) What is one principle you value in men?

1. **Biblical Manhood : Les Steckel**

VIDEO

a. God designed gender with a plan and a purpose, to display the glory of His Son Jesus Christ.

VIDEO

where are you a leader? What are leading? What is your legacy going to be?

c. Life is in turmoil: name some of the issues Americans are facing. What are you facing?

d. **VIDEO** Can you recall your dark, cold, empty stadium moment in your life?

e. Matt 7:14 Luke 2:52 Balanced life found on every 4 legged chair.

f. 4 pillars that lead to balanced life:

1. **VIDEO-Spiritual leader** Eph 6:14-17;

2. **VIDEO-Warrior** Gal 6:14;

3. **VIDEO-Lover** Your kids need>>**Attention, affirmation, affection.**

Values are caught, not taught.

4. **VIDEO Friend** who is your 4am friend?

5. **VIDEO** as a closing.

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Series Resources:

-“A Road Less Traveled”

-The center for Faith, Sexuality, and Gender info [here](#), Preston Sprinkle