



GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

Flourish | September 15, 2019 | Genesis 1:26-28

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him male and female he created them.” –Gen. 1:27

FROM THE TEXT

- Read Genesis 1:26-28, 1 Corinthians 6:9-20, John 1: 14, and Ephesians 5:1-21. Which of the above verses stands out most to you regarding sexual sin and God’s intended purpose for our sexuality?
- How would you respond to someone who said: “It seems like the Bible is just a big list of do-not’s and rules to confine our sexuality...”? How would you use God’s Word (particularly the verses above), to give a true, but hopeful response? How could you weave in the Gospel to this same answer?

FROM THE SERMON

- What do you think about the observation from the text that: God made man (humans) in his own image, and this image is represented of both male and female together (Gen. 1:27)? Have you ever thought about God almighty having innate qualities of both the male and the female? Why is this important, and how do we sometimes get it wrong?
- Pastor Chris made clear that sex has become a “master” instead of a “servant.” How did you resonate with this analogy? What are examples in our society where we see this taking place?

FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- *[Men and women should break up into smaller groups for this next section]
- How have you wrongly viewed or experienced sexuality/sex? Why is this the case? Share some of your story with the others in your group that may help piece together some of these reasons why. (think: broken family examples, poor friendships, peer-pressure, isolation, lack of healthy community, unplanned exposure to sexual content, etc.) What’s your story? It’s hard to look forward (for healing) if you haven’t looked back (to identify what needs healed).
 - What are present sexual struggles you experience and how can the group help you and pray for you?

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray about the experiences shared above: sins, hurts, damage, and current struggles. Give them to God and be reminded of the redemption and love that is in the Gospel of Jesus. “...From His fulness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.” –John 1:16-17