

# Theology of Sex+ Week 1

Created, Image-Bearing, Embodied, Distinct

Memory Verse:

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*  
2 Corinthians 5:17

## 1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

*This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)*

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

## 2) REVIEW THE MISSION

*Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)*

We have friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, etc. in our lives that do not have saving faith in Jesus. This means, they are walking a path towards eternal punishment in hell. This should move our hearts and give us a sense of urgency to be missional. **Take a few minutes to pray for this reality to result in action in our lives.**

## 3) DISCUSS AND ENGAGE

*Since we follow Jesus we seek to apply the Gospel continually to all of life. God uses His Word to reveal Himself to us, to equip us to live the good life He's designed for us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a Group throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25).*

What was your reaction to hearing we were doing the Theology of Sex+ series? What are your initial thoughts on the subject matter?

**Read Genesis 1:26-27, Genesis 2:7-8; 21-25**

What does it mean that we are "created image-bearers"? What are the implications of this truth?

Why does it matter that we have physical bodies? What are the implications of this truth?

Why does being created as distinctly male and female matter? What are the implications of this truth?

How does embracing these truths from Genesis 1 & 2 provide a better foundation for discussing sex and gender?