

Theology of Sex+ Week 2

Complementary Co-Rule

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)

What is one opportunity that you have in front of you for missionary effort? What kind of step can you take this week that will advance this area of your life?

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 kind of differences do you believe exist between men and women?

Do you feel that you have a healthy working definition between masculinity and femininity?

What are some of the current cultural teachings on men and women that you have heard or noticed?

Read Genesis 1:26-31

What are some observations about men and women that you can make from this section of the text?

Read Genesis 2:5-8 and 2:15-25

What are some observations about men and women that you can make from this section of the text?

Read Genesis 3:16-20

What are some observations about men and women that you can make from this section of the text?

The relationship between men and women is under the effect of the Fall. In order for us to enjoy the design that God has for gender, we need the redeeming work of Jesus. The work of Christ does not negate or erase gender but restores the original design.

How does the gospel redeem our understanding of gender?