

Theology of Sex+ Week 6

Transgenderism

Memory Verse:

Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

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 thing you can do in the next week to intentionally live on mission?

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).

Read Genesis 1:26-31

How does the purpose and goodness of our created bodies impact our understanding and approach to transgenderism?

Read Genesis 2:24-3:11

How does the Fall help us understand the experience of not feeling "at home" in our bodies? How does this help us understand those who identify as transgender?

In what ways have you struggled with your own body and physical identity?

Read Romans 8:18-25

How should this teaching on suffering, inward groaning, and the longing for redemption of our bodies change our approach to transgenderism?

In what ways are you longing for the redemption of your body?

What does "waiting for it with patience" need to look like for you?