

Theology of Sex+ Week 7

What now?

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 1 Peter 1:1 & 2:11-12

How does it mean to be "sojourners and exiles"? How does this reality change the way we should approach life?

How does this reality change the way we approach those who don't know Christ?

Read 1 Corinthians 5:9-13

How does what Paul says here impact how we relate to those around us?

Read Romans 14

Some of how we approach these issues is left to our conscience. How does Paul's addressing food offered to idols in Romans give us guidelines for a healthy approach with one another on some smaller areas of disagreement?

As a group take a moment to discuss the questions/difficulties you have on how to approach those around you that you disagree on these issues and need to know the hope we have in Christ.