



October 8th Sermon Questions

Foundations: Of Sex, Marriage & Gender

Genesis 1:27 & 2:18-24

Icebreaker: Share 1 good thing and 1 challenging thing that's happened to you in the last 7 days.

Discussion Questions: Read Genesis 1:27 & 2:18-24

1. Throughout the Church's history, followers of Jesus have always had an awkward relationship with cultural and societal norms. How have you experienced this in the past?
2. What do you think is most at stake for you personally, and for the Church in general, in the conversation about human sexuality?
3. What and/or who has been key in shaping your theology and beliefs around gender, marriage, and sex?
4. In this passage, God brings his people Israel clarity about sex and marriage in the midst of an Ancient Near Eastern culture that has a much broader and more fluid view of these things. How do you think this teaching might have been received by them? How might it have sounded like good news to them?
5. Like everything else in Genesis 1-2, God created and designed sex and marriage. How does that strike you? How might that reality impact your views on these topics?
6. The Scriptures do not talk about gender like we do in the modern West, but they portray the biological sexes as being designed with unity AND distinction, as compatible AND other. How might we seek to live in that tension as followers of Jesus with grace AND truth?



7. Because of the sin of our first parents, Adam and Eve, we are all fallen and broken people living in a fallen and broken world. How might that truth shape our conversations about sex, gender, and marriage?
8. Due to our post-Genesis 3, post-Fall reality, none of us are immune to the impact of sin. Whether single or married, old or young, we all struggle in the areas of sex, gender, and marriage. How have you personally wrestled with these things and/or fallen short of God's design? What are your greatest struggles related to sexuality or gender expression?
9. What do you think it would look like for you to more faithfully follow Jesus in the areas of sexuality and gender?
10. How can we—all of us—hold firm convictions, but in a humble way? How can we avoid the sin of arrogance in assuming we are categorically right about a thing while someone else is categorically wrong? How do you seek to apply grace in situations where someone's theological belief conflicts with your own?
11. What do you think it looks like to navigate conversations about sex, gender, and marriage with grace, caution, and curiosity? How have you fallen short of that standard in the past? How might you seek to do better in the future?
12. Jesus describes himself as the bridegroom and his followers as the bride. Furthermore, the Scriptures speak about a great wedding feast that will take place at the consummation of all things, when Jesus returns to set the world to rights. How might this marital imagery of our future, final salvation give you hope about sex, gender, and marriage in the present?