

Pt. 1: Setting the Table

Our culture is saturated with messages about sexuality and gender. One could say that we are being sexually discipled by our culture 24/7 through social media, entertainment, news media, our educational system, business, and financial sectors. The Apostle Paul admonished the Christians in the highly sexualized city of Rome not to be conformed to the culture around them, but to be transformed by the renewing of their minds so they could know, and follow, God's will. So what does God have to say about sexuality and gender? The reality is that ALL of us need this series. We need the clarity of God's Word to guide and shape us. We need the tenderness of his grace to heal and sustain us.

Bottom Line: King Jesus is the one who has absolute right to direct every area of our lives.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. If your story were made into a movie, what would the title be? Why?
- 2. In what way does Christianity go against the grain of the world? With the grain of the world? What best distinguishes Christians from the culture around them?
- 3. **Read 2 Timothy 3:16 4:5.** How do you react this passage? Where and how do you see yourself in this passage?
- 4. **Read Romans 8:1, 31-39.** What encourages you most about this passage? Why?
- 5. **Read 1 Peter 4:1-5.** What challenges you most from this passage? Why?
- **6. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19–20.** How should we treat our bodies if they are actually temples of the Holy Spirit? Why do you think our bodies are important to God?
- 7. **Read Romans 12:1–2** We all struggle with sin of some type. Think of an area of your life where sin has a hold of. What steps can you take this week to allow Jesus to begin transforming that area of your life?
- 8. What has been the most helpful (or challenging) thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
- 9. How can this group support you this week?

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