
Shady Grove

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To get the most out of this study we recommend that you read David Platt's book. To order your copy of the book go to lifeway.com and use ISBN 978-1-4300-4335-5 or item number 005758370. Books are available by hardcover or digital format.

Week 4: SEXUALITY

WELCOME EVERYONE TO THIS FOURTH GROUP DISCUSSION OF COUNTER CULTURE.

What was most helpful, encouraging, or challenging in your study of week 3?

What issues of sexuality, gender, or marriage have you seen in the news lately? Share a recent news story related to sexuality, gender, and marriage.

To prepare to view the video segment, read aloud Genesis 2:21-25.

The LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones

and flesh of my flesh;

she shall be called Woman,

because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

Genesis 2:21-25

WATCH The Video Lesson: Counter Culture Session 4

COMPLETE THE VIEWER GUIDE BELOW AS YOU WATCH SESSION 4.

THREE TRUTHS ABOUT MANHOOD AND WOMANHOOD

1. God created men and women with Equal dignity.
2. God created men and women with Different roles.
 - Man and woman Complement each other.
 - Man was created to be the head.
 - Woman was created to be the helper.
 - Man was created to exercise loving authority over woman.
 - Woman was created to extend glad submission to man.
3. God created men and women as a reflection of the Trinity.
 - The Persons of the Trinity are equally divine.
 - The Persons of the Trinity are positionally different.
 - This is loving authority and glad submission in the context of beautiful relationship.

THREE CONCLUSIONS ABOUT MANHOOD AND WOMANHOOD

1. All this is good for us.
 - Unity in diversity: we are attracted to each other by our differences.
 - Equality amid intimacy: we honor each other as we enjoy each other.
2. All this is glorifying to God.
 - We reflect God's Character.
 - We trust God's word.
3. All this is the essence of the gospel.
 - Christ is our sacrificial groom.
 - We are Christ's Submissive bride.
 - God has designed the headship of men and the help of women to display the gospel of Christ to the culture around us.

RESPOND

DISCUSS THE DVD SEGMENT WITH YOUR GROUP, USING THE QUESTIONS BELOW.

What was most helpful, encouraging, or challenging in this session? Why?

Provide examples showing that sexuality is one of the most sensitive issues in our culture today. How are issues of sexuality, gender, and marriage under attack, not only in culture but also within the church today?

How is the focus of this week's study also related to the image of God?

What biblical evidence shows that men and women are created with equal dignity but distinct and different roles?

How do Jesus and the Trinity help us see a biblical picture of authority, submission, equality, and distinction?

Why does our culture resist the idea of authority and submission as bad?

In what areas of life are you tempted to say, "I'm going to obey what the Bible says instead of truly believing that God's design is good"? What's the difference?

How is marriage a picture of the gospel and our relationship with God in Christ?

How does the gospel compel action related to issues of sexuality?

How do issues of sexuality open a door to conversations about the gospel? Give examples of statements that relate the gospel to sexuality, gender, and marriage.

THIS WEEK

Memorize Genesis 2:24 and pray for conviction and compassion as God opens your eyes to His good, pleasing, and perfect will for gender, sexuality, and marriage. Confess and repent of any sexual sin in your life, past or present, and commit to glorifying God with your body.

READ week 4 and complete the activities before the next group experience.

READ chapters 6-7 in the book Counter Culture by David Platt (Tyndale, 2015).