

Wonderfully Made

September 18 & 21, 2025

Ice Breaker

What's something about your physical body that you're thankful for or find amazing?

Key Verses

- 2 Corinthians 5:20
- Psalm 139:13-14
- 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- Romans 12:1
- Colossians 2:9

Questions

- How would you explain 'personhood theory' in your own words, and where have you seen it influencing our culture?
- The pastor mentioned that Christians are 'Christ's ambassadors.' What does it mean to be an ambassador for Christ in today's cultural climate?
- How has the separation of personhood from the body affected how our society views violence, both verbal and physical?
- The sermon mentioned several Christian doctrines (creation, incarnation, resurrection, indwelling of the Holy Spirit) that affirm the value of the human body. Which of these speaks most powerfully to you and why?
- In what ways might Christians unintentionally buy into the belief that our bodies are less important than our feelings or thoughts?
- How can we help young people understand the value of their bodies in a culture that often devalues them?
- The pastor challenged us to 'speak up' rather than remain silent. What are some effective ways to engage in conversations about these difficult topics?
- How can we show compassion to those who have embraced harmful beliefs while still standing firm for truth?

Life Application

This week, be intentional about being Christ's ambassador in your daily interactions. Choose one conversation where you can lovingly speak truth about the value of human life and the body God created. This might be with your children, coworkers, friends, or even strangers. Before speaking, pray for wisdom and compassion. After the conversation, reflect on how it went and what you might do differently next time. Remember, our goal isn't to win arguments but to plead with people to 'come back to God' as the pastor emphasized.

Key Takeaways

- As Christians, we are Christ's ambassadors, called to plead with the world to 'come back to God.'
- The belief that personhood is separate from the body is a destructive, demonic belief that has led to a culture of death.
- Christianity teaches that humans are holistically body and spirit, designed by God to live forever in resurrected bodies.
- We must represent Christ properly by honoring our own bodies and repenting of ways we've compromised with worldly beliefs.
- This cultural moment is an opportunity to speak truth with love and help people put the pieces of their lives back together.

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for creating us as whole beings - body and spirit together. Forgive us for the ways we've compromised with the world's beliefs about our bodies. Help us to be effective ambassadors who represent You faithfully in a broken world. Give us courage to speak truth with love, wisdom to know when and how to speak, and compassion for those who are living in deception. Use us to help others see the value of human life and the beauty of Your design. May our lives point others back to You, the Creator and Redeemer of our bodies and souls. In Your name we pray, amen.