

INTRO & ICE BREAKER

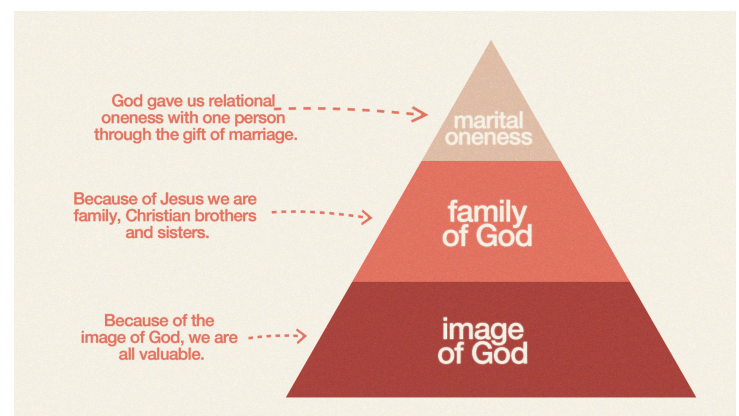
Introduce yourself and answer this: Have you ever had a DTR (Define the Relationship) conversation with a friend or significant other? How did it go?

RECAP & DISCUSSION

In this week's message, Pastor Jimmy talked about relationships, understanding God's original design, and creating healthy boundaries. For example, fire can give warmth from a hearth, heat and flavor for cooking, and many applications in business. However, outside of its designed constraints, the results can be devastating with pain, suffering and loss.

Discussion: Let's spend a few moments sharing what stood out to us from the message on Sunday. What was new or unexpected? What impacted you the most? What did you talk about after service?

Pastor Jimmy shared the "relationship pyramid" establishing three central ideas: we are created in the image of God, we are part of the family of God, and marital oneness. At its foundation is the understanding that we are all created in the image of God.



Discussion: Why is the concept of "created in His own image" so important? What does this teach us about differences like gender or race?

- Are there times when we are having a bad day that it's easy to marginalize others and forget this divine design?

The next tier on the pyramid establishes we are all part of the Family of God. Pastor Jimmy affirms we are sons and daughters of the living God. Often the deepest connections are between a parent and child so this distinction becomes even more important. The same is true between siblings where a brother/sister may not see each other for months and still instantly connect when together.

Discussion: Why is this concept of family so important? Does this relate to your experience in Life Groups?

Have someone read: Matthew 19:4-6 (NIV)

Discussion: For many, we spend too much time looking for the right one instead of focusing on being the one our partner is looking for.

- Why is it important to have a firm foundation of faith and be in a community of believers before entering into marriage?
- We all know the mathematical law that one plus one equals two. In relationships, Pastor Jimmy suggests that one plus one is not equal to two, but one. Does this argument make sense, why or why not?

Discussion: We've all heard the problem with "the seven year itch", the season where many couples become disillusioned trying to survive solely on attraction. This can occur when couples enter into marital oneness without a foundation on the relationship pyramid.

- What happens when we experience intimacy with multiple people? How does being "naked" change the way we experience future relationships?
- What are some steps to take to establish healthy relationships, either single or in the marital bond?

ANNOUNCE

- **Building Update!**
 - If you haven't heard yet, Sunday, March 5th will be our last day at Centennial High School! It will be a day of celebration and gratitude as we thank God for the last 4 ½

years and pray over this next season. This will most likely be a stripped down service as we will already have begun moving supplies into our new place!

- Sunday, March 12th will be our first Sunday at our new building!
 - We will be moving to 2 services - 9am and 11am. There will be an RSVP system, so keep an eye out for the registration page!
 - 268 N. Lincoln Ste 17/18 (cross streets - Lincoln and Railroad, north of the 91)

PRAY

One of the things that we want to focus on each season of Life Groups is to get comfortable praying out loud together. Close out your time together with prayer. If you're a newer Life Group, the leader can set an example by leading in prayer, but explain that we'll all be doing this over the next few weeks together. Explain that prayer is simply talking to God - there aren't perfect words to say. Next week, encourage someone else to close in prayer!

Are there any prayer requests or praise/celebrations?

- Please pray for our new building and for the final details for our Phase 1 move in!

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