

Take Away – Embrace the And: Male & Female

Text: Genesis 1: 26 – 28

Date: 9-25-22



With your group...

Answer each of the following questions prompted by the text and/or today's sermon.

1. It has been said that God's design for male and female was to reflect the different aspects of His very nature. In what specific ways is this true?
2. Why is it important for Christ Greenfield to engage in the tough topics of our day such as gender and identity?
3. In Genesis 1:27-28, we read that Adam and Eve were made "in the image of God." What do you notice in these two verses about what that means, as well as their responsibilities in the world?
4. React to: "God created us male and female. Why? So that, within the confines of marriage and the family, they would have children who have children who have children...who would all steward the living things God has given us!"
5. React to: "Society starts to crumble when we blend the unique strengths of being male and female. We're alike and we're equal in dignity. At the same time, we're different. Different is good."
6. Do you agree or disagree with the claim that, generally speaking, men need respect and women need love? Explain.
7. Revelation 21 paints a beautiful picture of the ultimate restoration of the cosmos in Jesus. Read verses 1-5 aloud. How does this give you hope today? What hopes do you have about the new heaven and new earth related to sexuality?
8. Read Genesis 1:4, 1:10,1:12, 1:18, 1:21, 1:25, and 1:31.
 - a. What is the common theme in these verses?
 - b. Next read Genesis 2:18. Note that God now says, "It is **not** good..."
 - c. What are the circumstances around this seeming about-face that God makes first declaring "it is good" and then later "it is not good"?
 - d. Is God admitting that He made a mistake in His Creation or is there another reason He makes this declaration? What might that distinction be?