

Checking In

1. Take a few minutes to check in with everyone, see how they are doing, and open with prayer.

Learning

Knowing God

Key Doctrines

- *Man* – God has made men for intimate relationship with women within the covenant union of marriage. The primary physical expression of this union is sex.
- *Sin* – All sin is a warping of a good thing that God has made, sexual sin takes a God-given grace of sexual union in marriage, and distorts it by its abuse outside of marriage.
- *Salvation* – One of the primary metaphors the Bible uses to talk about our salvation is that of “marriage” and of our “union with Christ” like that of a husband and wife.

Key Observations

- *Read:* Proverbs 5:15-19; Genesis 2:19-25.
 - How does the passage in Genesis describe both the meaning and dynamic of Adam and Eve’s relationship?

- How does the passage in proverbs help the young man the father is talking to direct his desires?

- *Read:* Genesis 3:1-13; Proverbs 5:1-14, 7:1-27.

- What are some of the distortions that we see in Adam and Eve’s marriage as a result of their sin?

- Proverbs 7 narrates the further devolving of marital relationships into adultery, manipulation, brutality, and ultimately death. How do we see this corruption particularly of the sexual relationship in marriage, show up in our culture?

- *Read:* Matthew 12:42; Ephesians 5:25-33

Jesus tells us that his wisdom is greater than Solomon’s. One of the ways we see that is Jesus knew of the resurrection of the dead, where Solomon did not. How does Jesus’ wisdom about resurrection give hope to those who have sinned sexually (or any other way)?

- What does Ephesians promise is the true fulfilment of sexual union, and how does that bring hope?

- What was anything additional that stood out to you about this week's sermon?

Listening

Responding to God

- In light of hearing this week's sermon, our study together, and listening to God's Word, how might God be inviting you to take a step of obedience?

Loving

Obeying God

- What is happening in my own life right now that I need to share and for which I need prayer?

- This week I am committed to praying for _____ about:

Checking Out

- What was most meaningful about this group session for you (*Give each person 1-2 sentences to share*)?

- Close in Prayer and Read Colossians 2:1-3.