

THEOLOGY OF SEX

WEEK THREE

DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW TO SPORTS, BRO?

PRIMARY SCRIPTURE: GENESIS

2:15-17, Romans 5:12-21, Ephesians

5:25-33, 1 Timothy 6:11-12

For our week 3 and week 4 study guide, we've provided separate discussion questions for men and women. Please reference the sections below to find the questions for your corresponding gender.

Discussion Questions for Men:

When in your life have individual people's or broader cultural expectations of your masculinity felt confusing, unrealistic and/or crushing?

Read Genesis 2:15-17. Recap from the sermon God's design for masculinity in terms of "working/cultivating" and "keeping".

- Where have you seen positive and negative examples of biblical masculinity in your life?
- Who are the people God has put around you for you to provide for, pursue and protect?
- Where do you struggle the most to submit to and walk in God's design for masculinity?

Read Romans 5:15-17. How does Jesus' "free gift" revive us to be able to understand and walk in God's design for our masculinity? Describe the next steps of repentance you need to take as you allow Jesus to shape and lead your masculinity.

Read 1 Timothy 6:12-13. Where are you bailing on opportunities God is giving you to step into biblical masculinity instead of fighting the good fight of the faith? What are practical ways we can encourage and fight for each other?

Pray for Jesus to shape us to be healthy, humble men who provide, pursue and protect the people God has put around us.

Discussion Questions for Women:

Read Genesis 2:15-17. Recap from the sermon God's design for masculinity before the fall.

- How does culture influence you to think differently about masculinity?
- Where have you seen positive and negative examples of this kind of striking, life-giving masculinity in your life?
- Where in the Bible do you see God protecting, providing, and pursuing as contrasted with the negative examples you've seen? (Specifically consider Jesus' life.)

Read Romans 5:12-21. How does this passage describe what Jesus has accomplished for us as our new Adam? In what ways do you struggle to believe that Jesus perfectly fulfills your need for protection, provision, and pursuit?

- If you're single, how do you rest in this truth to fight discontentment (if applicable)?

- If you're married, how can you rest in this truth to fight the temptation to try to sanctify your husband instead of prayerfully letting the Holy Spirit do that?
- How does the gospel free us up to encourage the men in our lives without emasculating them? (husbands, friends, brothers, fathers)
- Where do you need to repent in terms of how you've been engaging with your husband, sons or the other men in your life?

Read 1 Corinthians 7:12-14 and 1 Peter 3:1. How do we encourage our friends who are married to a man who is apathetic towards Jesus?

Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-15 How do we encourage our friends who are dating a man who is apathetic towards Jesus?

Pray for Jesus to shape the men in our church and in our social circles and families to be healthy, humble men who provide, pursue and protect the people God has put around them.

Pray for Jesus to shape us to be women who encourage, pray for and serve alongside our men in a life-giving way.