

These notes are designed to be used by small groups on Zoom, by members of a family or by a couple of friends on the telephone. They are based on our Sunday sermons and are designed to help us all think through the issues raised about “God in my Everything”. You will get the most out of them if you have heard the sermon first.

Sermon Date

24 October 2021

Bible Passages

Genesis 1:27-28, Gen 2:21-24, Song of Songs 2:1-7, 1 Cor 3:16-17, 5:9-13, 1Thess 4:3-8

Theme & Introduction

The final of the twelve subjects in our “God in my Everything” series is Sexuality. The fact that we are created Male and Female runs much deeper than our physical features and reproductive function. Our sexuality is part of the deepest levels of our personality and influences both our need for deep relationships and how we form them.

Questions

1. Read Gen 1:27. Male & Female are created as different, but both in the image of God. Using generalisations, what differences do you think men and woman have in the ways that they Worship, Communicate Socially, Interact, Make Decisions etc? As a church family, are there things we need to note to ensure that we are a welcoming family to both men and women? How do you react to the fact that 2/3 of church members are female?
2. The sermon claimed that our sexuality is part of what drives our needs for close relationships and how we form them; which is a much wider issue than just physical intimacy. What are the barriers in church and society to us developing the close relationships that we have been created to need? Think about those who are single and those who are married.
3. The sermon used examples from 1 Corinthians and 1 Thessalonians (see verses above) to repeat St Paul’s claim that how we use our bodies matters because we are temples of the Holy Spirit. Our spirits and bodies are not separate things but part of one whole. What impact do you think that engaging in sexual immorality would have on a Christian’s spiritual life?
4. What attitudes of mind and ways of communicating do we need to adopt if we are to learn to discuss and perhaps disagree, in Christ-like ways, over contentious issues like whether same-sex physical relationships are an option for a Christian?
5. What sort of things might someone put in their *Rule of Life* to encourage the proper development of close relationships and intimacy if they are single, married, widowed etc?