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INTRODUCTION

The Kingdom of God is a blessing-rich, right-side-up life that _____ humans into beautiful, disruptive presences in the world by living a _____ life that goes beyond “technical.”

SEX AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Sex is a gift from God enjoyed by a man and woman in _____.

Do not substitute _____ for _____.

Choose to be a beautiful disruptive presence in a _____.

CONCLUSION

Small Group Questions for March 31, 2019

1. Define our culture’s sexual ethic in one sentence.
2. How can a Christian sexual ethic be perceived in our day to day interactions with people?





SILENCE - WEEK FIVE

One of the most revealing sections of Scripture on the spiritual life of Jesus is found in Mark 1. Jesus enters the synagogue on the Sabbath and teaches. Immediately on the heels of teaching, a demon-possessed man enters the synagogue and Jesus heals him. Right after that, we read He entered Peter's home and healed Peter's mother-in-law. After sunset, and the end of the Sabbath, the whole town of Capernaum shows up at Jesus' doorstep for healing. And then we read: Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed (Mark 1:35). Jesus went to a place at a time when He could escape the noise of city life and find silence. We too need to find time to free ourselves from the grip noise has on our lives in order to fully engage with God. A song on the radio can capture our attention. The cell phone ringing distracts us. Something overheard on the television in the next room diverts our full attention away from God. We go to moments of silence in order to be fully present "beyond words" with God.

Find four times this week to spend ten minutes in silence with God. Here are the steps to help you do this.

STEP ONE: Find a quiet, solitary place where you will not be disturbed for at least ten minutes. Set a timer (iPhone, Alexa, watch, etc.) for ten minutes in order to keep from watching the clock. This beginning exercise is disengaging us from our typical activities in order to engage with God.

STEP TWO: Meditate on the words of this Scripture: "The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth be silent before Him" (Habakkuk 2:20).

STEP THREE: Pray for God to make His presence known to you.

STEP FOUR: Do not end your time of silence by immediately beginning to talk or fill the air around you with sound (TV, radio, podcasts, etc.). Leave this ten minute period and extend the silence as long as you can while thanking God for this time with Him.

Additional Scriptures for meditation throughout the week: Psalm 46:10; Luke 5:16; Psalm 23:2