Sexuality and the Gospel: God's Grand Redemption Matthew 20:28 May 21, 2023

READ THE WORD/STATEMENT OF FAITH

2 Corinthians 5:17

"We believe God offers redemption and restoration to all who confess and forsake their sin, seeking His mercy and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. We believe that every person must be afforded compassion, love, kindness, respect, and dignity. Hateful and harassing behavior or attitudes directed toward any individual are to be repudiated and are not in accord with Scripture nor the doctrines of Antioch."

STUDY THE WORD

What are the two lenses we should look at sexuality through? (Bible and Gospel)

What is God's Grand Design as found in Genesis 1:26,27?

What is God's Grand Plan as found in Genesis 2:18-25?

What is Man's Grand Fall in Genesis 3?

Read Matthew 20:28 and Ephesians 1:7. What is Redemption? Who does redemption come through?

Read Ephesians 2:1-10. How can a person be restored?

SHARE THE WORD

As followers of Jesus, why does it matter how we treat people?

Read John 4:1-30. How did Jesus treat the women at the well?

Read Luke 6:27,28. What does Jesus call us to do with those who oppose us? What does it mean to . . .

- Love
- Do Good
- Bless
- Pray

Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21. Why is it important to view our lives as being on a rescue mission for people as opposed to at war with people?

PRAY THE WORD

Adoration: Praise God for redeeming us through Jesus.

Confess: Agree with God where we do not follow Jesus' example and call in the way we treat those who do not like what we believe as Christ-followers.

Thanksgiving: Thank Jesus for His mercy and forgiveness.

Supplication: Ask the Holy Spirit to use us to be "ministers of reconciliation" to the world around us.