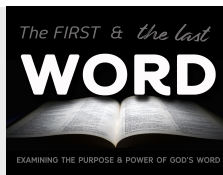


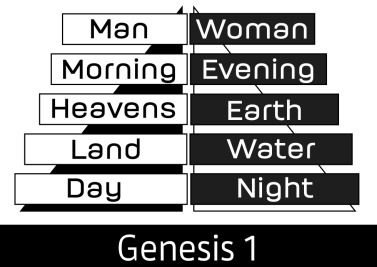
Who Belongs at Sierra?

The Word - Part 8
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1. Sex difference is central to how the Bible talks about marriage.

Genesis 2:22-24 Then the Lord God made a **woman** from the rib he had taken out of the **man**, and he brought her to the man. ²³ The man said.... That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.



Matthew 19:4-6 (*Mark 10:2-9*) "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' ⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? ⁶ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

2. The Bible uniformly celebrates marriage and it being the exclusive place for sex.

Same-sex practices forbidden: Lev. 18:22 and 20:13, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 1 Timothy 1:9-10

Sex outside of marriage (one man/one woman): Abraham - Sarah/Hagar (Genesis 16), Lot - incest (Genesis 19), Adultery - (Exodus 20:14, Hosea, David, Proverbs 6:32, John 4, 1 Corinthians 6:18 and Hebrews 13:4).

3. HISTORICAL AGREEMENT. Jews, Protestants, Catholic, Orthodox ALL agree on the Bible's definition.

In a fallen universe, **all of us** are alienated, in some way, from who we're designed to be. That alienation manifests itself in different ways in different people. *Dr. Russell Moore*

1. But... isn't being "true" to yourself key to a happy life? (Actually, being "true" to God is the key!)

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

2. Who Belongs at Sierra?

Everyone is welcome! God loves us and receives anyone who calls out to Him! (Rom. 2:4, Rom. 10:13, 1 Tim. 2:3-4, Rev. 3:20, Jn. 3:16)

Matt. 11:19 The Son of Man (Jesus) came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and "sinners."

Sierra becomes a home for people that know they need God's transforming power! (2 Cor. 3:18, Rom. 5:3-4, Colossians 3:10)



Community Group Questions:

1. What did you hear? What hit home from the message? How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
2. When meeting someone who has a different conviction than you about sex and sexuality, what is your first inclination? What do you want the person to walk away with?
3. God expects us to love others, that includes people that don't share our perspective on all issues. Where is that best displayed in your life?

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