

Humility and Compassion (and Accountability)

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If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose.

Philippians 2:1-2 NIV

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20 NIV

According to the blueprint of Jesus, a redemptive presence in the world is made possible through humility, compassion and mutual accountability.

- Humility: putting others _____ oneself.

Matthew 5:3-12; Philippians 2:3-8; Colossians 3:12

- Compassion: empathetic _____ and _____ for others that fosters _____.

*Matthew 9:36; Luke 15:11-32 (*v20); Colossians 3:12*

- Mutual Accountability: sharing _____ for one another's _____ in Christ.

Luke 12:42-48; Galatians 6:1-3; Hebrews 10:24; 1 Thessalonians 5:11

According to the blueprint of Jesus, a redemptive presence will be forfeited through:

- _____ (condemning)

John 8:2-11; Matthew 7:1-5; 2 Peter 3:8-9

- _____ (avoiding)

Matthew 9:10-13; John 17:15-18, John 9:5; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18

- _____ (disassociating)

*John 4:4-26; Luke 7:36-50 (*v47); Hebrews 2:17-18, 4:15*

- _____ Right-Living in Christ

*Mark 4:1-20 (*v 18-19); Colossians 2:8; 1 John 2:16-19*

According to the blueprint of Jesus, a redemptive presence will usher people to Jesus himself and he will, in turn, ask them to _____ in everything.

Luke 18:18-30

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was your big takeaway from this past Sunday's message? (Take time to go around and see what kind of dialogue arises - don't rush).
2. As you consider your own journey to meet Jesus - how do you see evidence of humility, compassion and a "set-apartness" enabled by mutual accountability in your own story?
3. As you consider the three forfeiting qualities that Pastor Nathan described (judging, segregation and alienation), where do you recognize the possible dangers of these in your own life or in our corporate life as a church?
4. Take time to ask Jesus what he practically is calling you (and us as a church family) to do in order to better walk in his blueprint for redemptive presence. Discuss what you feel like he might be saying and take time to pray about it together.
5. Looking back, what has shifted in your heart or mind related to sexuality after these 4 weeks? What are you taking with you?