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Gentlemen's Phenomenon

Galatians 3:28; I Peter 3:7

study questions

Use these questions in your community group time to dig deeper and discover how you can apply today's message to everyday life.

INTRODUCTION

The Bible is pretty clear on this one. As Jesus followers, we are called to treat each other as God's special creation for which he sent his Son to give his life. In other words, we are to lead by our living to a better way – to show what is really real.

We live in a culture that begs us to ask the question: Are women a commodity? Our culture often expresses that viewpoint. This week's message reveals the danger of this mindset and challenges men to embrace a biblical view of the women in their lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. Who is a woman you would be honored to meet? Why do you want to meet her?
- 2. Do you agree with Dwain's observation that women are viewed as commodities in our culture? If so, what evidence do you see? Have you seen this cultural belief creep into your own mindset? If so, how?
- 3. **Read 1 Peter 3:7 together**. Men are clearly called to treat women with honor. What do you think "honor" means practically speaking? Why do you think this is difficult for many men? Is it difficult for some women to respect themselves or other women? Who do you know that does this well?
- 4. One way Dwain encouraged us to behave differently is to eliminate certain music from our playlists. What are some other actions you could take as you strive to be more honoring toward women?
- 5. What does the "school of porn" teach men to think about women? Why is erotic imagery so dangerous? If men neglect to deal with their addictions to these images, how will their present and future relationships be impacted?
- 6. Think back to that woman whom you would be honored to meet. How would you act in her presence? What would it look like to treat all women you know with that kind of respect?

MOVING FORWARD

Jesus' call to treat women with esteem and honor can seem old fashioned or counterintuitive. However, if we want our dating and marriage relationships to thrive, it's a truth we can't ignore. What is at least one thing you can do this week to honor the women in your life?

CHANGING YOUR MIND

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:28-29