

# EIBCC Monthly Meeting

Swisher, Iowa

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## Present:

Buffalo Prairie Presbyterian: Marc Shefelton

Christian Free Lutheran: RuthAnn Salsbury

Faith Baptist: Sydney Millage

Grace Community: Dave Kirk, Aimee Marino

Maranatha Bible: Thad and Jen Joyce

Mt. Vernon Community Bible Church: Dennis Fulkerson, Darla Fader

Still Waters: Kelly Marsengill

Stonebridge: Trisha Young

True Reflections: Laura Pelechek

Veritas: Ann Paulsen

- I. Welcome and Prayer
- II. Introductions and Updates
  - a. The “Restoring the Self-Destructive” Conference is coming to Cedar Rapids November 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>! Register at EIBCC.org before October 1<sup>st</sup> to receive the earlybird discount
- III. Dave Kirk: Continuing the Discussion on Gender Issues
  - a. What have you been processing from last month’s teaching on Gender Issues in Biblical Counseling?
    - i. Parenting issues
    - ii. Identity
    - iii. People- transgender or not- as Sufferers and Sinners
    - iv. Tension between Biblical love and unconditional acceptance of lifestyle
      1. “While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us”
    - v. Remember that the Holy Spirit is the one who changes the heart
  - b. What troubles you most about these issues?
    - i. Fear of not knowing what to say
    - ii. Fear of man
    - iii. Idea that this sin is worse than others
      1. Sexual sin affects the body and soul in a unique way
    - iv. Rejection
    - v. Being a stumbling block to others to seeing and experiencing God
      1. “How would God want me to demonstrate His love to others?”

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- vi. The dilemma of name changes/gender pronoun changes: Name changes in the Bible are decided by God- not the individual- and the name change is a representation of a new and greater purpose for the Kingdom.
  - 1. Simon → Peter
  - 2. Abram → Abraham
  - 3. Saul → Paul
  - 4. What is truth, and how were we created?
  - 5. Is this person really struggling with feeling like they have a bigger purpose, but not knowing what it is? Worshipping created things?  
These are things we can speak to with the Word of God!
- c. How do we help parents talk to their kids about this?
  - i. God's plan and redemptive story: How did God create and ordain man? Gender? Marriage?
  - ii. Teach parents to teach kids how to love like Jesus loved.
    - 1. Ex: woman caught in adultery in John 8

#### IV. Closing Prayer

**Join us for our next meeting: September 21, 2017 at 8:30am at Kava House**

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