



February 4 – 10

inTENSIONal Parenting | Christopher Yuan

Icebreaker: What is your response to Christopher's story?

- If you have had a child walk away from Jesus, how has that affected you?
- If your child did what Christopher did, how do you think you would respond?

Sunday Morning: Christopher's Story

- Read Romans 2:4 and Jeremiah 29:11. How can these verses give us hope when faced with kids or other loved ones who are not walking with Jesus?
- What's wrong with the idea that our sexuality should determine our identity?
- How do both homosexuality and heterosexuality as identities fall short of God's design? What is God's ultimate goal for people?
- How do Christopher's mother's prayers for him challenge you? How do they change the ways you think about praying for your kids?
 - How do we trust God even when he doesn't answer all our prayers?
- There is no promise that God will do for your child what he did for Christopher. Christopher said this: "Perfect parenting does not guarantee perfect children. It is not your job to produce godly children. It is your job to be a godly parent."
 - How do you react to these statements? Do they give you hope? Do they bring you freedom? Do they clarify your role?

Sunday Night: Holy Sexuality

- Who taught you about sexuality? Did your parents teach you about sexuality?
- Who is teaching your children today about sexuality and gender?
 - Have you taught your kids about sexuality?
 - What makes this such a difficult subject?
 - As parents or grandparents, how can we become the primary disciplers of our kids and grandkids?
 - If you have taught your kids about sexuality, what have you found to be helpful in that process?
 - *Consider Passport2Purity (ages 8-13; good first step for younger kids) and Christopher's Holy Sexuality Project (ages 10-15; covers more subjects)*
- How does God view same-sex sexual behavior in comparison to other sins? What does this tell us about our own sin and need for salvation?

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- People in our culture can view singleness as unfair and therefore see it as a path to loneliness. Read 1 Corinthians 7:6–9
 - How does this passage dispell this myth? What is true about singleness?
- Holy sexuality defined: If single sexually abstinent. One man with one woman in marriage, faithful for life – chastity in singleness; faithfulness in marriage.
 - How is this faithful to God’s word?
 - How is this beneficial to all people?
 - What does this mean for people who are same-sex attracted?
- Based on what you learned from Christopher Yuan, if you have someone in your life who identifies as gay, how do you want to respond to them now?
 - How would you counsel a friend who wanted to be faithful to Jesus and was dealing with same-sex attraction?
 - What would a truthful and compassionate response sound like?

Take time to pray for that God would help you be a faithful guide to your children and a witness to all people of the love of God.

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