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Talks Over Dinner

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Schedule of Evening

5:30 – 6:00 Dinner

6:00 – 6:15 Game

6:15 – 6:20 Todd Segway:

6:20 – 6:50 Panel

6:50 – 7:00 Todd Closes

Food: Mexican (175ish people)

Panel:

- People
 - Todd = MC
 - Robby
 - Zoe
 - Carey & John
- Todd Transition
 - We know that this stuff is sometimes awkward and uncomfortable to talk about but our goal here in the next few weeks is to create a space that is safe for us to talk about sexuality because our sexuality is a huge part of our understanding of God. That might be a confusing concept, so we invited these people here today to help unpack this idea some more for us ... welcome panel
- Panel Content
 - 1. What is sexuality?
 - We are all sexual beings
 - We are by nature sexual beings
 - Recognizing uncomfortable students and students who have wounds from past experiences
 - God has a plan and wants us to experience His plan for sexuality
 - Parameters around that
 - Begin creating that safe place and continue to sympathize with the people and own that people are broken in that room.

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CLEAR SEGWAY QUESTIONS:

Todd recaps what sexuality is... “because we are intentionally deigned by God as sexual people the choice that we make within our sexuality from what we believe about God” Big statement, panel let’s explore how this relates to our spiritual lives, this is counter cultural

- 2. Every sexual choice is a spiritual choice: (metaphor and a picture, explain that)
 - Our beliefs and experiences about Sexuality are formed out of what we believe about God.
 - Romantic Relationships v. Relationship with God **whiteboard**
 - Our sexual experiences inform what we believe about God.
 - Wholeness!
- 3. Sexually broken:
 - Everybody born in sin (creation, fall, redemption, future hope)
 - Strive toward sexual integrity not as purity (not a sense of arrival) where we get somewhere but to continue on the journey of integrity
 - Examples: Athlete, musician, career

Clear Segway: Since we are all broken, we don’t have an accurate picture of what sexuality is but when we look at the Bible and at God’s picture and reason for our sexuality, we can understand what sexual wholeness is supposed to be.

- 4. Our sexuality is a picture of the gospel (The gospel is written in sexuality):
 - What is the real picture? (Jigsaw puzzle illustration)
 - Jesus died to save us and wants a deep, intimate, loving, committed, genuine eternal relationship with us where we commit to putting Him first in our lives before anything else.
 - Because we’re not in the same time and space as Jesus, He gave us a picture to understand what it looks like to be united with Him.
 - That picture is marriage: one man and one woman committing to one another for the rest of their lives and celebrating their oneness aka having sex.
 - God created us sexual beings so that we can know and understand his commitment of love towards us.
 - The desire is good ... the desire drives us to want to be known and in relationship and ultimately the deepest we can be known is by God.