

Reclaiming Purity

Pursuing God's Purpose for Sexuality



Dear Friends,

Grace Community Church invites you to attend our first Women's Conference on March 13-14, 2020! We are excited to host ACROSS MY HEART MINISTRIES as they share from their 10 years of experience reclaiming purity and sexuality.

God created sexuality. It was His idea. His design. But when we look at the cultural climate, it's hard to see how we can reclaim its sacredness for ourselves, our daughters, and the next generation of young women.

Sexuality is not an isolated topic of conversation, categorized in a section of the bookstore shelves or mentioned once a year during the annual sermon series. No. Sexuality is holistic: intrinsically connected to the rest of our lives.

Here's the sexual reality we face:

- *In the USA, sexual assault happens every 78 seconds*
- *33 % of women view pornography at least once a week*
- *The average age a child first sees porn is 11 years old*
- *Facebook users can now choose from one of 71 gender options*
- *92% of abortions are the result of unintended pregnancy*

But what if we told you it didn't have to be this way? We believe that, even in a sexually charged world, it is possible to pursue the heart of God with our whole lives... mind, heart, soul and, yes, even our body. This isn't about a moral high ground or personal piety. This is about passionately pursuing God with everything we have. Whether single or married, we are called to live lives of pure devotion to Jesus Christ.

~ Ashley Giovannucci, Across My Heart Ministries

We hope you'll join us March 13-14 as we uncover why God created sexuality, what it reveals about the gospel, and how purity brings clarity to our everyday lives.

Peggy Campbell
Director of Women's Ministry

Click on the registration link to find additional information about the schedule and breakout sessions. (\$25.00 early bird rate until January 31, 2020; conference rate is \$35.00 beginning February 1, 2020.)

Main Sessions

Session I - Reclaiming Purity

Session II - A Sexual Revelation

Session III - Holistic Sexuality & Our Emotional Health

Session IV - Holistic Sexuality & Our Mental Health

Session V - Living a Pure Life. What to do now?

Saturday Break Out Sessions

SESSION 1

Revealing the Objective Standards of Modesty - Emmarie Moon/Ashley Giovannucci

Unlike the social mores of fashion, the principles of modesty are not a manmade concept. Modesty was God's idea. His standards transcend time and place to give us a deeper truth: the clothes we wear are a daily reminder of our need for Christ. Rather than asking what to wear and where to draw the "hemlines", it's time to consider why we wear the clothes that we do.

Understanding the LGBTQIA Community, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity

Katie Kigar

Everyone is a part of this conversation in some way, because of a friend, family member, messages from media, or an experience of your own. But what does Jesus say? How does His love challenge us to respond and how does His truth bring clarity to confusion?

Reframing Preconceived Ideas of Femininity in a Disoriented World- Alyssa & Kaela Kaiser
Femininity is a concept that seems archaic and confining. Culturally, it has been defined by physical attributes and actions. But biblical femininity is about who God has created us to be and how that overflows into the way we relate. Is it possible that our femininity uniquely displays the open and invitational nature of God?

SESSION 2

Consuming or Consumed? Social Media and the Christian Woman

Amber Impellizzeri & Kaela Kaiser

How can we use social media without being used by social media? Understanding the consumer/consumed mindset of our modern day and age.

Sexual Heartache and the Language of Healing - Katie Kigar

Often experienced but rarely spoken about, sexual pain and heartache is not beyond the healing power of Jesus. Many times those we love, including ourselves, carry pain, regret, and brokenness from our own choices, the choices of others, and the reality of living in a fallen world. How do we speak into that? What should we be telling ourselves and others?

Diagnosing the Porn Epidemic and Overcoming Sexual Sin - Ashley Giovannucci

Sexual sin isn't just a man's problem. 87% of Christian women have admitted to watching porn, and every year advances in technology make it more intense and more accessible than ever. Sexual sin is one of the biggest threats to our marriages, our Christian witness, and our intimacy with God. How did we get here and how do we stop?