

IMPACT GROUPS

Week #6: May 14 - May 17, 2019

"The Jesus Trip"

Sermon Date: May 11/12, 2019

Link to sermon:

<http://www.impactlondon.ca/livestreamarchives/>



Ice Breaker:

What brand or company slogan do you know that most accurately describes you and your life? Or, what's your favourite TV commercial?

Proverbs 31:10-31 (NLT)

"10 Who can find a virtuous and capable wife? She is more precious than rubies. **11** Her husband can trust her, and she will greatly enrich his life. **12** She brings him good, not harm, all the days of her life. **13** She finds wool and flax and busily spins it. **14** She is like a merchant's ship bringing her food from afar. **15** She gets up before dawn to prepare breakfast for her household and plan the day's work for her servant girls. **16** She goes to inspect a field and buys it; with her earnings she plants a vineyard. **17** She is energetic and strong, a hard worker. **18** She makes sure her dealings are profitable; her lamp burns late into the night. **19** Her hands are busy spinning thread, her fingers twisting fiber. **20** She extends a helping hand to the poor and opens her arms to the needy. **21** She has no fear of winter for her household, for everyone has warm clothes. **22** She makes her own bedspreads. She dresses in fine linen and purple gowns. **23** Her husband is well known at the city gates, where he sits with the other civic leaders. **24** She makes belted linen garments and sashes to sell to the merchants. **25** She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. **26** When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness. **27** She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness. **28** Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: **29** "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!" **30** Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised. **31** Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise."

Link to weekly reading guide:

<http://www.impactlondon.ca/the-jesus-trip/>

Discussion Questions

1. Prov. 31 is full of the sayings that King Lemuel's mother taught him. Share one thing that you learned from your mom?
2. What are some of the problems associated with reading Proverbs 31 as a literal list of gender roles and expectations for women?
3. Look at Genesis 2:18-25 and Eph. 5:31. What do these verses tell us about the church, the bride of Christ?
4. On the Jesus Trip we have been finding Jesus in the Scriptures. How might we also end up seeing ourselves when we are looking for Him? Read 1 John 4:17b and as a group discuss what this means.
5. Why is your perspective so important when considering who you are and what defines you? What are some common misperceptions people have about themselves and where do these come from?
6. Look at Proverbs 31:10-31. How and where do you see in these verses descriptions of how Jesus sees us, his bride? Explain, and then share with the group what this means to you/ us?
7. What does it mean to say that God has entrusted us with the ministry of reconciliation? (2 Cor. 5:18-20). How might sharing how Jesus sees us, like King Lemuel's mother did, play a part in this ministry?
8. Looking back on the Jesus Trip so far, have you come to know or believe anything else about how Jesus sees you and feels about you? Share!

Coming Soon at Impact Church...

* May 17/18 National Apostolic Conference in Pierrefonds, Quebec.

* May 18th NO SATURDAY SERVICE!

* May 24th, Impact Connect Bingo and Wings Fundraiser.

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