Day 2 Introductory Topic: Feminism

Visual Aid

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Introduction

- I'll remind you that our theme for this convention is TRUTH. We started by defining the truth and saying what the Truth is NOT. We talked about some attacks on the Truth. We talked about why we care about the Truth, and the consequences of following a lie.
- And then we talked about Homosexuality, Same-Sex Marriage and the LGBT Movement - a Lie that is widespread in our society, permeating our schools, workplaces, politics and social media. An Aberration. We heard many lies about Homosexuality - common lies presented as arguments - and we learned how to replied to them
  - "Homosexuality is genetic - I was born this way"
  - "Homosexuality doesn't hurt anyone or harm society"
  - "Homosexuality was never prohibited in the Bible it's a mistranslation!"
  - "Homosexuality is prohibited in the Old Testament so it can be ignored"
  - "If you oppose homosexuality you're a bigot"
  - We heard all of these lies yesterday and we learned how to respond to them
- Today, we will talk about another lie that is widespread in our society, permeating our schools, workplaces, politics and social media - Feminism

What is Feminism?

- It is very important for us to nail down our definition of Feminism early on
- Feminism is defined as "advocacy for women's rights"
- Feminism pushes for "equality of the sexes"
- Feminism is what got women the right to vote, the right to a college education, the right to own property, the right to sign contracts, the right to serve the country in the military.
- Does this sound bad to anyone? Of course not!
- But unfortunately, the Feminist movement has become something else completely... we'll discuss the history of feminism, and the important topics coming up within feminist movements

History of Feminism

- The Feminism Movement is easy to follow historically because it came in stages and the stages have easy names...

    - First Wave Feminism
    - Second Wave Feminism
    - Third Wave Feminism
    - Fourth Wave Feminism
- We also have nowadays, many people who disagree with Fourth Wave Feminism, and who have started two other movements
    - New Feminism
    - Neo-feminism
- First Wave Feminism
    - This started in the 1800s and ended in 1920.
    - The point of first-wave feminism is providing equal opportunities for men and women
    - The right to vote, the right to a higher education, the right to serve in the military, the right to work and own property
- Second Wave Feminism
    - Started in the 1960s
        - Between the 1920s and the 1960s, there was the Great Depression followed by World War II and then the country (and world) recovering from the war. There wasn't time for any movements...
    - Roe v Wade
    - Ended in the early 1980s
    - Also called the Sexual Revolution
- Third Wave Feminism
    - Started in the 1990s and continued until the early 2010s

Why Discuss Feminism?

- Current Events
    - Roe v Wade was overturned on June 24 - it was a Supreme Court case that allowed abortion in the United States during the first two trimesters of pregnancy
    - Swimmer who goes by Lia Thomas is a transgender - a man who identifies as a woman. He has been swimming against women and winning first place every time
    - The arguments are very convincing

Lies Told by the Feminist Movement

- Women were oppressed and depressed before the Feminist Movement
- Men and Women are fundamentally the same
- Women don't need men; men don't need women
- Every woman is the same; every man is the same
- Being Feminine is Weak
- Christianity oppresses women
- A woman cannot fully function in society if she can't have an abortion
- Women get paid less than men simply because they are women

Conclusion

- So why are we discussing Feminism?

- It is an attack on the Truth and we care about the Truth
- It is a lie that is being exchanged for the truth of God, that is indoctrinating our society and our youth and children and desensitizing us to what sin is. And we care about our Youth and Children.
- Because you see it on social media and you have asked us questions about it

Convention Outline

- On the second day, we will have four stations that answer four questions:
  - **Does feminism really fight for women's rights?**
  - **Does feminism fulfill God's will?**
  - **Is feminism fair?**
  - **Does feminism help build society?**

- At the end of the day, we will have a section for a Final Debate - we'll pose the arguments to you in the way that we see them - at work, in the media, on the internet, etc. and YOU will have to give a defense. You will become the Apologist.

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