

Operator's Manual "A Bad Exchange" - Jim Burgen January 19-20, 2019

Group Creed

We come together as a Group with the goal of Spiritual Formation; encouraging one another to become the same kind of person that Jesus is, so that we can live out every part of our lives inside of His Kingdom.

Bible References: Romans 1:18-25

Community:

1. What first comes to mind when you hear the word "masculinity"?
2. For better or worse, who had the most influence on your understanding of masculinity?

Core:

1. Jim brought up the issue of "toxic masculinity" in his message. What are your thoughts about the climate of our culture in regards to masculinity?
2. Jim asked, "What if the answer or solution to bad or toxic masculinity is true, good masculinity?" What do you think "true, good masculinity" actually looks and acts like?
3. **Read Romans 1:18-25.** Looking at the role of men and masculinity, where do you think the world (and culture) are suppressing truth about what God has made plain through His invisible attributes, eternal power, and divine nature. What do you think it means that "God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts"?
4. Jim explained, "God doesn't give up on you. God gives (turns) you over to yourself to follow your own heart instead of Him." Where have you seen this truth in your life?

Challenge:

Jim gave a homework assignment this weekend around vision, strategy, and intent so take some time this week to work through the following:

- **Vision** - If you could be (or find or raise) the kind of man that agrees with what God says is true about you, what kind of man would that be, and what would your life look like?
- **Strategy** - What needs to change so that your vision becomes a truth being lived out in reality?
- **Intent** - That "look in the mirror" moment when you draw a line in the sand. Start today!