



genesis

part 1: origins

Week 4: Gender & Sexuality

As Jesus followers, we believe God's design of the human body and relationships between male and female is meant to tell us something about human flourishing. Leaning into that design, rather than stepping away from it, is where real freedom is found.

Discussion Questions:

1. The topic of gender and sexuality is an emotionally charged issue in our culture. This is also why it's important for the church to talk about it and for believers to discuss it. As you do that, give each other space and grace to share honestly and authentically. Take a few minutes to pray together as a group for God's peace and presence to be felt among you as you discuss.
2. **Read Genesis 1:27-28; 20-25.** What insights did you gain from this passage and/or the message about God's design for gender, sexuality, and human relationships and.
3. Why do you think Moses makes a specific mention to male and female? If you were to remove the cultural lens and just think about this pragmatically, what is the importance and significance of male and female in God's creation design? How does this design lead to human flourishing?
4. How does the biblical view of gender and sexuality differ from the popular view of culture? What do you think is the reason for the difference?
5. How do we, as Jesus followers, balance grace and truth when engaging with individuals experiencing gender dysphoria or struggling with issues related to sexuality? If you have personal experience with this, please share.
6. **Read Romans 12:1-2.** How can individuals struggling with incongruence between body and mind find renewal in Christ?

7. **Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20.** What do you think Paul means that sexual immorality is a sin against our own body? What does this passage say about the importance of the body in the make-up of our personhood? What's the truth about our identity if we are not our own but were bought at a price? How does identity in Christ impact our sense of belonging and purpose?
8. As you reflect on what we've studied so far in Genesis 1 and 2, how has your understanding of the creation narrative been challenged, changed, or deepened?
9. Close your time by praying together to be people full of grace and truth as you continue to be a light to the culture pointing people to the God who was in the beginning and is in the now.