



Pt. 8: What the Bible Teaches About Gender

The most fundamental statement about human nature - that we bear God's image - highlights our embodied nature. We bear God's image as male and female. A person's maleness or femaleness isn't socially constructed or self-constructed, but God constructed. We should embrace, maintain, and celebrate our God given sex (gender) as a good gift from Him, and, in doing so, we bring honor and glory to his creative design.

Bottom Line: Jesus wants to heal anything and everything that is broken; including our sexual identity.

Discussion Questions:

1. If God were to deliver a "state the world" speech today, what do you think he would say?
2. How are attitudes towards sexuality affected when a person denies God?
3. **Read James 1:21.** What does it mean to "humbly receive God's word"? How does this challenge you?
4. What does biology (science) say about gender? What does scripture say about gender (Read Genesis 1:26-28)? Are they similar? What response would you give if someone said that gender is a social construct and has nothing do with biology?
5. **Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20.** What can a person do to master natural human desires that can lead to sin?
6. How can we remain faithful to the teachings of scripture while still being inviting and loving to the people in the LGBTQ community in our church?
7. How can a Christian move from "conviction" in their beliefs to being able to disciple others in God's word?
8. What is one thing you can do this week to increase your Biblical knowledge about God's design for human creation?
9. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?

*If time doesn't allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.