Community Group Discussion Guide

Gender and Sexuality

**Watch the Gender and Sexuality teaching video.**

**After viewing the video, discuss the following questions with your Community Group:**

1. How do you typically love and help a brother or sister in Christ when they are deeply hurting or fighting a temptation to sin?
2. Share a personal experience interacting with a friend or family member with gender and sexuality issues.
	1. Is this friend or family member a Christian?
	2. Describe your interaction(s). How did you show this person love? Did you have any gospel-centered conversations?
3. Read Genesis 1:27-28 and Genesis 2:21-24. How are we to live in light of the truth that God is creator, and we are created in His image? How is a rejection of this truth a rejection of Jesus?
	1. How does this truth – that all humans are made in the image of God- affect how we view our non-Christian neighbors?
4. Describe your identity in Christ in your own words. How can sexual sin distort this understanding of identity?
5. If Jesus were to sit across the table from a friend who struggles with a distorted gender identity, what would He say? What would He do?
6. How can Christians love our transgender neighbors compassionately without compromising our faith?
7. How can we help a friend or family member struggling with unwanted gender identity issues maintain their faith and continue walking in righteousness?
8. Why is it important to create a church culture where people feel welcomed, safe, and loved?

Resources for further study

* *God and the Transgender Debate* – Andrew T. Walker
* [God and the Transgender Debate Youtube video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M_p1WTkvdjM)
* *Gender Dysphoria* – Mark Yarhouse
* *The Gospel Comes with a House Key* – Rosaria Butterfield
* Pastor Jerry’s message on sexuality: <https://thechapel.com/messages/worldview/sexuality/>
* <https://www.livingout.org/>
* [“Navigating pronouns while loving your transgender neighbor”](https://erlc.com/resource-library/articles/he-she-ze-zir-navigating-pronouns-while-loving-your-transgender-neighbor/) – Andrew T. Walker