

LifeGroup Study Sheet

February 13, 2022 - Cultural Crisis – Gender Identity

This guide is designed to give help in preparing you for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

God wants us to see ourselves as bearing His image. How does seeing yourself that way impact how you view your sexuality? How does knowing that everyone reflects the image of God affect your view of those who express their sexuality in a way that's different than how God intended? What do you think is the cause of confusion over sexuality and gender in the world?

Digging In

Question 1: Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Colossians 3:1-3. God wants us to know the truth about our bodies and our identity. Why is it important as a Christ-follower to understand your body properly as Jesus made it? What does the implication of verse 20 in 1 Corinthians give about the value of your body? How does Colossians deal with and talk about identity, especially as it relates to gender identity? Why is this important?

Question 2: Read Proverbs 22:6, Luke 6:45, Matthew 7:21-27. Pastor Jeff spoke about “shepherding the heart instead of merely moralizing behavior.” In what ways is it easy for us to focus on behavior, in our own life or our children, instead of encouraging heart change? How have you seen this, positively or negatively in your own life? How does Matthew 7 address this? Can this apply when speaking to someone about gender or sexual identity?

Question 3: Read Romans 5:10-12. Pastor Jeff said, “the Gospel of Jesus Christ levels the playing field for all of us.” Based on the verses in Romans, what do you think this means? Why is it so important for Christians to understand our own sin, and how we've been rescued? How have you seen Christians put others in specific categories or boxes when it relates to identifying them? Christ-followers are called to address the issue of gender identity. What are practical ways to do that in a Christ-like manner?

Question 4: Read Hebrews 12:15, Ephesians 4:32. How might seeing yourself as a child of God affect the way you treat yourself? How might it affect the way you see and treat others? Why do you think people dismiss the reality or severity of sexual sin? How have you seen this around you? From what you learned today and what you know about Jesus, what do you think is important to tell someone who might be struggling with something in this area of their life?

Reflect on this verse to close: Ephesians 2:10

“For we are God’s masterpiece He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.”

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?