



Part 6: Hot Topics: LGBTQ+ (Transgenderism)

Text: Genesis 1:26-28

1. Transgenderism is defined as biological males who identify as females and vice versa. Why did events like Olympic gold medalist, Bruce Jenner, publicly coming out as Caitlyn Jenner in 2015 and winning Woman of the Year radically influence our nations' view of transgenderism? _____

2. Why do you think transgenderism is considered to be a hot political topic? _____

3. Read **Genesis 1:26-28**. What do we learn about God's original design of humans? _____

4. Why is it important for Christians to understand all the terms associated with transgenderism? (Binary, non-binary, gender fluid, sex, gender, cisgender, transgender) _____

5. The transgender movement wishes to "degender" society making it possible (normal) to ignore your biological sex and choose your gender based on your inner sense/feelings.

a. How does knowing God's original design vs the goals of the transgender movement equip us to help others? _____

6. After Adam and Eve sinned, all of us were born into a broken world as broken people and God sent Jesus to restore us through the cross. How does Romans 8:18-22 highlight this? _____

7. Transgenderism is a mental disorder (a broken mind) referred to as Gender Dysphoria. It can be described as a person who feels like a male trapped in a biological female body or vice versa. For some, the solution to the emotional stress and even suicidal thoughts is to consider a sex change.

a. How might this help us to view those in transgenderism with compassion? _____

8. Pastor Eric stated that abortion is the greatest evil occurring in our nation right now, racism has the greatest history of pain in our nation, homosexuality has brought the greatest moral revolution in our nation in the past 10 years, and transgenderism is the greatest embrace of illogical thinking our nation has ever engaged in. Discuss how each one of these could be true? _____

9. What other dangers could there be in defining our identity based on feelings versus reality (biology)? _____

10. Statistics were given in the sermon to highlight the long-term impacts of transgenderism. For example, 4.6% of Americans attempt suicide compared to 41% for transgenders. It was also stated that those who have had sex reassignment surgery were 19x more likely to die by suicide and their quality of life 15 years later was lower due to the personal, physical, and social limitations they live with.

a. How should Christians think about these statistics? _____

11. As we grow in our understanding of transgenderism, we should be careful to not be overly rigid with male and female stereotypes. The Bible provides examples like King David, a strong leader, who loved poetry, music and was very emotionally expressive. There is also Deborah who God used to oversee a military attack and there is Esau, a rugged outdoorsman, compared to his brother, Jacob, who like to stay home.

a. Why do you think this is important to keep in mind? _____

12. We should be convinced that transgender desires are not helpful and are a result of brokenness in this world. We should also have compassion toward those born with greater inclinations toward gender dysphoria and the traumatic experiences that lead to it. How is the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ the better solution to a transgender community trying to escape psychological distress through unnatural desires and actions? _____
