

## **BEING HUMAN:**

### **Week 2 Discussion Guide:**

#### **GENDER:**

Being human is clearly marked through gender dynamics—even in cases where there is gender dysphoria or transgender identity—much is made about being man or woman. Positive or negative, much of our identity comes from the tensions between physiology and psychology in being male or female.

#### **INITIAL DISCUSSION:**

In your words, why is the gender discussion important?

What were you taught:

What makes a “real man”?

What makes a “real woman”?

How does your opinion of “real man” and “real woman” agree or disagree with what you were taught?

Do you think your opinion or the views of those you were taught match the Bible’s teaching?

#### **THINKING THEOLOGICALLY:**

How would you describe the difference between gender distinction and gender division?

If God, with infinite wisdom, saw fit to create male and female with equality, why has there been so much focus on gender division?

Similarly, if God, with infinite wisdom, saw fit to create male and female with distinction, why is there such focus on gender blindness today?

Is “maleness” or “femaleness” different from being “male” and being “female”? Why do you think this?

How do you think God is best honored amidst the gender tensions of our modern world?

APPLY the WORD:

As you reflect on gender impacting being human, where do you need God to restore or renew your view of masculinity?

As you reflect on gender impacting being human, where do you need God to restore or renew your view of femininity?

Where might you need Christ's healing in your own life because of gender tensions?

Write a prayer that recognizes God's grace in creating both male and female and how the cross sustains what God first called good in making man and woman in his image.