

EQUIP SESSION GUIDE: WEEK 5

Erasing the Image of God

So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them; male
and female he created them. Gen. 1:27

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH WILL WE BE?

EQUIPPED TO ENGAGE

REDEFINING GENDER - ERASING THE IMAGE OF GOD

Furthermore, just as they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a depraved mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. 29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. 32 Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them....

Romans 1:28-32

INTRO TO GENDER TERMS

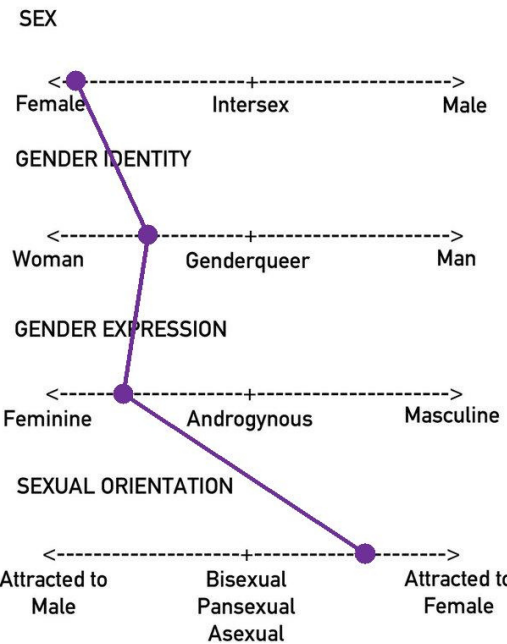
- Cisgender -** Someone who identifies with the gender identity/expression expectations assigned to them based on their physical sex at birth.
- Transgender -** An umbrella term for people whose gender identity and/or gender expression does not conform to that typically associated with the sex they were assigned at birth.
- Gender Expression -** The external display of one's gender, expressed through such things as names, pronouns, clothing, haircuts, behavior, voice, body characteristics, and more.
- Gender Identity -** The internal perception of one's gender, and how they label themselves, based on how much they align or don't align with what they understand their options for gender to be.
- Gender Nonbinary -** All gender identities outside of the gender binary and cisnormativity. Some think of themselves as having: aspects of both man and woman (pangender), neither man nor woman (agender), moving between genders (genderfluid) or one of many other terms.
- Sexual Orientation -** The type of sexual, romantic, physical, and/or spiritual attraction one feels for others
- Heteronormative -** Relating to a world view that promotes heterosexuality as the normal or preferred sexual orientation. opposite queer
- Ally -** Someone who supports equal civil rights, gender equality, and LGBTQ+ social movements;

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THE IDENTITY SPECTRUM

This graph is a fun exercise to help one understand that Sex, Gender Identity, Gender Expression and Sexual Orientation does not have to be black and white as both the Heteronormative/Cisgender Society around us (AKA Straight People) and the LGBT Community ascribe them to be -- find your own identity with this exercise and sincerely explore who YOU are and challenge the stereotypes of Gender and Sexual Orientation. Simply draw a line that best identifies along these spectrums.



WHAT IS AT STAKE?

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF?

We must show the beauty of the gospel lived out in our daily lives and let that be the foundation from which we proclaim the good news to the lost. Our job as followers of Christ is to live in a way that makes it unmistakable to a dying world that Jesus is better than anything this world has to offer.

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