

QUICK DISCUSSION GUIDE for STUDENTS

TRUTH OVER TREND

PART 1: Gender Identity

BASELINE QUESTIONS:

- 1) What do your friends or other students at school think about gender identity?
- 2) Do you feel like your beliefs are the majority or the minority?
- 3) On a scale of 1-10, how firm do you think your beliefs are about gender identity?

READ TOGETHER:

1) Genesis 1:27-28

What do you think God had in mind for humanity when He created them? What was His purpose?

"We are the culmination of God's infinitely wise and skillful work of creation."

– Andrew T. Walker (God and the Transgender Debate)

Do you think that God makes any mistakes in His creation? What do you think it means to be made in the image of God? **Read also Psalm 139:13-14**

2) Genesis 3:16-19

How has sin changed God's creation?

3) Romans 8:18-23

Do you think that gender identity issues can be a result of the "frustration" or "pains" as Paul describes here? What does Paul offer as a solution to these problems?

4) Matthew 19:4-6

Jesus is repeating the Genesis pattern for how God designed man and woman. Here's what He's saying: We are created people. We are created male and female. A man is one who can sexually unite with a woman. What God does, people should not seek to undo.

MORE QUESTIONS:

- 1) It seems as though God has a purpose in making male and female, for it is also represented in animal life. Do you think that God enjoys seeing His creation alter parts of their God-given identity?
- 2) What questions do you still have about gender identity and how we should view it?

RESOURCES for PARENTS

Books:

- 1) Embodied by Preston Sprinkle
- 2) God and the Transgender Debate by Andrew T. Walker