

GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF AUGUST 27 | WHAT ABOUT GENDER DYSPHORIA AND THE TRANSGENDER MOVEMENT?

WARM-UP QUESTION

What snacks or drinks would you buy if you were going on a road trip?

PRAY

 Take a minute to acknowledge that members of your group may be in different places with this topic – some may be struggling with thoughts on their own gender, others may be questioning why we're talking about this in church, others may be somewhere in between.
Open your time together by praying for soft and humble hearts and that God would speak to each person through His word.

DISCUSS

• Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's sermon. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read Genesis 1:26-31

- What words, phrases, or themes do you see repeated in this passage? Why is the repetition important?
- What do we see God do in these verses? What's the role of human beings?
- Every human being is made in the image of God. Do your words and actions toward others show that you believe that? How can you live in such a way that you view every person as an image bearer even if that person isn't currently a follower of Jesus?

Read Isaiah 56:3-5

- Where do you see hope in these verses? What does that teach you about God's character?
- How is the way God approached the eunuchs different from how society approached them? Can you think of a modern-day comparison?
- Is there a time when you believed you were unlovable by God? What reminded you of His love?

Read Romans 12:1-2

- What is Paul asking us to do in verse 1? What stands out to you about the words he uses in his request? How is this different from the script given to us by society?
- How is your worship different when you understand that your body is a living and holy sacrifice?
- What behaviors and customs of this world are easy to fall into? What can you do to keep yourself from falling into them?
- Is your identity in who God says you are? What's holding you back? How would your life look different if you lived believing what God says about you?

RESPOND

- Based on what you just discussed, what do you think God is prompting you to do in response? When will you do it?
- Pray together as a group for the specific goals or areas of struggle that came up in your discussion. Thank God for revealing more of who He is, and ask Him to help you apply what He's prompting you to do this week.