



When Love Disagrees: Gender Identity

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Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion.
Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through “observation” leaving enough time for “reflection”, “discussion”, and “surrender.”

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: *What does this scripture passage say?*

Take some time to look up and read: *Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:7*

1. What do these verses say about the creation of people?

Reflection and Discussion: *What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures?*

How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

2. When it comes to issues of gender identity, what is the kindest way that Christians can respond?
 - What does love require of us who are not experiencing difficulties in this area?
3. How are spiritual, mental, and physical health connected?
 - Why is this important to consider as we minister to others?
 - How can focusing on gender conceal the true reason for pain?
4. *Terms such as body, soul, and spirit are not different, separate faculties of man but different ways of viewing the whole man.* – A Theology of the New Testament (Ladd)
 - In which way should we seek alignment between the parts of ourselves (Body, Mind, Spirit)?
 - Is it kindness to help the person change the body to conform to the mind and heart? Or to help the person change the mind and heart to conform to the body?
5. How long does mind and heart change take? Discuss.

Surrender: *Responding to God's voice.*

6. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

**** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today ****

We're here!

We would love to hear about how things are going in your life group!

Reach out any time with questions, ideas, thoughts, or concerns.

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A primary resource in compiling these questions has been the *NIV Life Application Study Bible* (Zondervan, 1984)