

Introduction

? How can we balance truth and love when talking to people who experience gender questions/confusion? What are some warning signs that you might anticipate if that balance starts to fade?

? How confident are you currently in your ability to biblically substantiate your views on this issue? What texts would be most important for you?

? Why do you think people respond differently to difficult, even confrontational, discussions when they are sure the other person genuinely cares for them? How is that indicative of how believers should speak truth to those that have other viewpoints?


1. Let's Start at the Beginning (Genesis 1:27)

? Why is it important to connect being made "in the image of God" with fulfilling God's design for creation? How does this impact a person's understanding of his or her purpose?


? What is the significance of the narrator specifically pointing out that God created them "male and female" in connection with being made in God's image?


2. The Wonder of Creation (Psalm 139:13-14)

? Psalm 139 offers a model of sorts for contemplating one's own body. When you consider how the same God wove you together, what specific aspects are the most amazing to you? How does this view of one's body contrast the cultural view of "body"?


 How does the uniqueness with which God created you inform your understanding of God's intimate nature? How does that help you understand what it means to have a relationship with Him?


3. God's Wisdom Before the Beginning (Psalm 139:15-16)


 Have you ever been in a place that caused you to think that God had forgotten you or lost sight of your situation? How does verse 15 speak to such feelings?

 How did the psalmist give voice to his understanding of when God was mindful of him and his life? What words in particular give you the sense that God had an intention for the design of his body?

Conclusion

 How does attaching God's purpose to creating the two genders strengthen your ability to stand on biblical views of gender and personhood?

 Why is it important to differentiate between "everyone is unique" and "everyone is created uniquely by God to accomplish His purpose"? How do these parameters help in the discussion of gender?

 Which of the world's ways to convince people the Bible is incorrect have you witnessed most prominently or repeatedly? What would be your answer to those tactics?

Daily Readings

- Monday - Hebrews 13:4

- Tuesday - 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

- Wednesday - 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5

- Thursday - Leviticus 18:22

- Friday - Proverbs 6:32

- Saturday - 1 Thessalonians 4:7