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Adult Equipping – Glenwood Community Church
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Review Class / Foundations of Gender

Overall

- Image of God – Reflect, Relate, Represent
- Image of God – Embodied Creatures
- Image of God – Marred with Sin
- Image of God – Male and Female

Foundations of Gender

1. Most biblical instruction is addressed to both men and women.
 2. Gender is binary. There are men and women, male and female.
 3. Men and women are equally valuable as image bearers.
 4. Men and women are different; designed by God in complementary relationship.
 5. The difference between men and women is most clearly demonstrated in the family, church and in gender-specific instructions.
 6. Within the binary of male and female, masculinity and femininity are each a spectrum that necessarily overlap.
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Defining Transgenderism

“Transgender” – umbrella term for the state or condition of identifying or expressing a gender identity that does not match a person’s genetic sex.” (Andrew Walker, *God and the Transgender Debate*, 34)

Scripture (Deut. 22:5, 1 Cor. 6:9, Romans 1, 1 Cor. 11:2-16)

Gender Dysphoria & Transgenderism

1. Fundamental Issue

2. Definitions

1. "Sex"

2. "Gender" / "Gender identity" (found in Cambridge Paper: Gender: where next?)

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ii.

iii.

iv.

3. "Gender dysphoria"

"When someone experiences distress, inner anguish, or discomfort from sensing a conflict between their gender identity and their biological sex, that person is experiencing gender dysphoria – a mismatch between the gender that matches their biological sex and the gender that they feel themselves to be..." (Walker, p. 32)

- Brief History

- Current Landscape

- Partial explanation for the change
 - Dr. Lisa Littman - "Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria in Adolescent and Young Adults"

 - Cultural factors with Gen Z

 - Rise in cultural and legal backing

 - Learning from experience: treatment and aftermath

How do we respond? How do we come alongside a Christian in the church who is struggling in this way?

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Galatians 6:1-3

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1 Corinthians 13:4-7

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Gospel Hope

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Discussing Specific Situations

1. Pronouns
2. Talking to my kids
 - a. See *Gender: A Conversation Guide for Parents and Pastors*, by Brian Seagraves/Hunter Leavine
3. Initial response to someone telling you "I'm transgender"