

# #TRENDING

## TRANSGENDER IDENTITIES

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### BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

The discussion around sex, gender, culture, the Bible, and people is an incredibly fragile topic, and requires us to think more deeply and love more widely. Many Christians have failed to think or love well when it's come to this topic. Please begin by praying for God to give you and your discipleship group eyes to see and ears to hear what the word about this in truth and in love.

1. When talking about transgender identities, the church, & what the Bible has to say we must first remember this is not merely an impersonal cerebral exercise. These are real people with real lives and real hurts/pains/loves/dreams. Go around the room and share any personal experiences you may or may not have had with any person(s) and gender identity confusion.
2. What questions do you have about the LGBTQ+ conversation? Not that we will answer these, but it is good to voice questions we have.

### STUDY QUESTIONS:

1. One of the primary questions at hand is: if someone experiences incongruence between their biological sex and their internal sense of self, which one determined who they are—and why?
2. Read Genesis 1:27 and then read Genesis 2:7. What do you think these passages teach about our material bodies and our immaterial souls?
3. What do you think about masculinity and femininity? Do males have to be masculine, and females feminine, to be godly? Back these answers up with scripture.
4. Does God accept transgender people as they are? Does God accept you are you are?
5. How could/should you care for and love friends, family, or neighbors who wrestle with their gender identity?
6. How should our church care for and love people who wrestle with their gender identity?

