



Sermon Questions

January 21, 2024 | Scripture: Gen 1:27-28 (Gender)

Pre-study: 3 things from the sermon. *Note down 3 ideas, illustrations, quotes or points that made an impression in the sermon.*

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- 2.
- 3.

Core Questions

1. Share and discuss your pre-study notes.
2. In which contexts are you encountering conflict or confusion around questions or distortions of gender? How has God's design helped you to address these?
3. The sermons talked about God's design, our distortion, God's redemption, and our response. Of these, do any tend to bring you joy, and do any tend to bring cognitive dissonance?
4. Our confusion around gender has accelerated, but is not new. Where have you defined gender roles unbiblically in a way that functionally denies the image of God? Or where have you felt an unbiblical use of these concepts to deny your dignity?

Inward Grace in Action

5. When the Bible teaches things that disagree with the things everyone else calls good, we can fear that the position we hold is everything it is accused of: hateful, bigoted, and thoughtless. If the position comes from God's word, what difference does his character make to how we understand the position?

Outward Grace in Action

6. Freedom to decide our own gender places enormous pressure on us to be the highest authority and point of reference for our very self. In what ways does the good news of the gospel free us from this pressure?

Additional resources:

You can find more on our dedicated series Resource Page [here](#)

Article: [Here's a short article written as a letter](#) to a Christian considering transitioning. It's kind, clear, and worth reflecting on.

Book: One book recommended on the Resource Page is [The Genesis of Gender](#). You can find [a helpful review here](#).

Letter: This past Friday, the PCA (our denomination) published a letter petitioning the government to protect children from gender reassignment surgery. [You can read it here](#).

Events: Check the Resource or Events webpage for your site (McLean, Fairfax, Herndon) to see different events planned to help you navigate these issues.

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Genesis 2:15-25
- Judges 4-5
- Malachi 2:10-16
- Matthew 19:1-12
- John 8:1-30
- Titus 2
- 2 John

Serve: Do you want to train to care well for people? Consider [training as a Stephen Minister](#).

Pray: Questions around gender are live issues for many. Pray for us as a church family to be compassionate and clear in a confused world.

Reach out if you need assistance:

- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons' Fund at deaconsfund@mcleanpres.org