

## **Biblical Sexuality and Identity in Christ**

### Group Study Questions

#### **Opening Question:**

If you could change one thing about yourself instantly, what would it be and why? (This question relates to the sermon's theme of identity and self-perception without being too heavy to start)

#### **General Observation:**

1. What stood out to you most from the sermon? Was there anything that surprised you or challenged your thinking?

#### **Understanding the Message:**

2. How does the sermon define the difference between sex and gender identity? Why is this distinction important in our current cultural context?

3. The pastor mentioned Romans 7:22-23, describing a "war" between the mind and body. How does this relate to the concept of gender dysphoria, and how should it impact our response to those struggling with it?

4. How does the sermon contrast the world's view of personhood with the Biblical view? What are the implications of each perspective?

#### **Personal Application:**

5. The pastor emphasized the importance of compassion when interacting with those struggling with gender identity issues. Can you think of a time when you've struggled to show compassion to someone whose beliefs or lifestyle differed from your own? How might you approach that situation differently now?

6. Romans 12:1-2 talks about being "transformed by the renewing of your mind." In what areas of your life do you need to renew your mind according to God's word rather than conforming to the patterns of this world?

7. The sermon touched on the concept of identity in Christ. How does your identity in Christ impact how you view yourself and others? Are there areas where you struggle to fully embrace this identity?

#### **Action Steps:**

8. This week, commit to reading Genesis 1:26-28 and reflecting on what it means to be created in God's image. How might this impact your interactions with others, regardless of their beliefs or struggles?

9. If you know someone who is struggling with issues related to gender identity or sexuality, pray for an opportunity to show them Christ's love in a tangible way this week. If you don't know anyone personally, pray for those in your community who may be struggling.

#### **Sample Prayer:**

"Heavenly Father, we thank You for creating us in Your image and for the redemption we have in Christ. Help us to see ourselves and others through Your eyes of love and compassion. Give us wisdom and gentleness as we navigate these complex issues in our culture. Renew our minds according to Your word and help us to live out our identity in Christ. May our lives reflect Your love and truth to a world in need. In Jesus' name, Amen."