

SERMON Q's

"Male and Female"
October 2, 2022
Genesis 1:26-27

1. Why is it important biblically to connect matters of image of God and gender to our identity? What do both have in common (Genesis 1:27)?
2. How would you describe the idea that men and women are "different and dependent" without using culturally-bound stereotypes like "John Wayne and June Cleaver"?
3. What are some ways you have seen the Church (broadly or particularly) miss opportunities to be on God's mission together as men and women?
4. Will said, "While biblically we can't affirm a non-binary approach to gender, biblically we must affirm the value of imagebearers who experience non-binary feelings. God creates us in his image male and female, so we must desire his design, and we must seek to love those struggling with it — struggling to feel at home in their own bodies. Even when there's not a situation you should celebrate, there's always a person you should see, sit with, and sympathize with." Do you agree? Which of these is easier for you?
5. How does your own (lack of) experience with specific gender or sexual struggles tempt you to be dismissive of others' struggles? How can you grow in your sensitivity to others you don't personally understand? ... Conversely, how does your own experience of struggling with always receiving your identity from God help you sympathize with others' struggles? How can you use this personal understanding to help others?
6. What are ways in which you long for your resurrected and glorified body? How does that hope help you offer hope to others struggling in different ways with their bodies?

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