



# GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

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Flourish | October 6, 2019 | Genesis 1:26-27, 31, 2:25

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him male and female he created them.” –Gen. 1:27

## FROM THE TEXT

- Read Genesis 1:26-27, 31, 2:25, Psalm 139:13-14, Matthew 19:1-6, and 1 Timothy 4:4.
- [Scenario] A non-believer says to you: “why would a loving God want someone to stay trapped in a body that didn’t feel like their true identity?” How would you answer them (lovingly and compassionately) using the above passages? (split up into pairs for this exercise if needed)

## FROM THE SERMON

- The Sam Alberry quote from the sermon stated: “Our culture says: Your psychology is your sexual identity—let your body be conformed to it. The Bible says: Your body is your sexual identity—let your mind be conformed to it.” Is this quote helpful to you in thinking about this topic? why or why not?
- Pastor Chris’s conclusion about how we should engage transgenderism was this: “[We] need to start compassionately sharing the good news about Jesus and then as people start responding, come alongside and help them apply it to their lives.” How do we compassionately share the good news about Jesus with those identifying as transgender or LGBTQ? Then, after they start responding, what would it look like to walk alongside of them and help them apply the gospel to their lives?

## FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- [Going deeper from the last question] Does “right living” precede salvation or proceed from it? Does the Gospel come first or does Law? In other words, do we: a) Try to clean ourselves up, then Jesus accepts us? or b) Do we come to Jesus as we are and then he cleans us up?
- Now, how should your answer affect the way you “preach” the gospel to yourself first, and others, especially those identifying as LGBTQ?

## PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for the conversation mentioned above. That we would represent Jesus to the world, and would lovingly and compassionately share the good news about Jesus with everyone we meet, in word and deed!