I. Vocabulary
   A. Sex
   B. Gender
   C. Transgender—Gender Dysphoria
   D. Transgenderism

II. In the beginning (Gen. 1:1-2)
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   B. Humans are (dust) plus (breath) (2:7)
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      2. We live in
   C. Men and women are both human, equal but different, each the other. (2:18, 23)

III. Pondering gender
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      2. Divorced from sex
      3. Defined by cultural stereotypes
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IV. For Jesus Followers
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      1. Authenticity—Eros: morality must resonate with who I really am.
      2. Lordship—Agape: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” (Matt. 16:24; Mark. 8:34; Luke 9:23)
   B. There are only a few texts which speak specifically of cross gender behavior but all of them express unqualified (Deut. 22:5; 1 Cor. 11:3-16).
   C. We with the Spirit making every effort to become a consistent Jesus follower living according to our design as a person in, exercising our human attributes wisely in ways consistent with our sex/gender (Gal. 5:16-26; Col. 3; Eph. 4:5; 2 Pet. 1)
   D. Jesus loves and serves all kinds of people, helping them come to repentance, and so should we (Mark 10:43-45; Luke 5:30-32; Acts 10:38-33; Gal. 6:10)
   E. Like God, we are known for mercy, grace, love, healing, and forgiveness, not judgment and condemnation (Ex. 34:6-7; Luke 6:36-37)

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LGBQ Resources

Books on the Issue
People to be Loved: Why Homosexuality Is Not Just an Issue, by Preston Sprinkle
Same-Sex Attraction and the Church by Ed Shaw
Gay Girl, Good God: The Story of Who I Was, and Who God Has Always Been by Jackie Hill Perry
A War of Loves by David Bennett
Other excellent books are written by Sam Allberry, Rosaria Butterfield, Wesley Hill, and Sean McDowell

Books for Parents and Friends
Out of a Far Country: A Gay Son's Journey to God. A Broken Mother's Search for Hope by Christopher & Angela Yuan
If I Tell You I'm Gay, Will You Still Love Me? One Mother’s Journey to Truth and Grace by Ann Mobley

Dialogue
Two Views on Homosexuality, the Bible, and the Church, by Preston Sprinkle
Space at the Table: Conversations Between an Evangelical Theologian and His Gay Son by Brad & Drew Harper

Books for Parents and Their Children
Brenna Jones, Stan Jones, Carolyn Nystrom. God's Design for Sex Series (4 Books)
Luke Gilkerson. The Talk: 7 Lessons to Introduce Your Child to Biblical Sexuality

Web Resources
Portland Fellowship  https://www.portlandfellowship.com/
Them Before Us, Katy Faust, https://thembeforeus.com/
Reality San Francisco, God and Sex series https://realitysf.com/category/series/god-sex/
Jon Tyson - https://bridgetown.church/series/god-sexuality/
Mark Yarhouse https://sexualidentityinstitute.org/
CHANGED – people who once identified as LGBTQ+ who now celebrate Jesus  https://changedmovement.com/

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Transgender Resources

Books on the Issue
*Understanding Sexual Identity* by Mark A. Yarhouse
*Understanding Gender Dysphoria: Navigating Transgender Issues in a Changing Culture* by Mark A. Yarhouse
*God and the Transgender Debate: What does the Bible actually say about Gender Identity* by Andrew Walker
*When Harry Became Sally* by Ryan Anderson

Web Resources
Jon Tyson - [https://bridgetown.church/series/god-sexuality/](https://bridgetown.church/series/god-sexuality/)
Sean McDowell, Scott Rae, and Preston Sprinkle addressed “Christians and the Transgender Question”  
*Sexuality and Gender: Findings from the Biological, Psychological, and Social Sciences* by Lawrence S. Mayer  
Pediatrics study on the health of transgender, non-conforming teens  
[https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/141/3/e20171683](https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/141/3/e20171683)

Controversy between Gay and Transgender communities

Detransition
Public Discourse: current research on “desistence”  
Andre De Mol: issues in adolescent transitioning  

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GOD’S DESIGN FOR GENDER
I. Vocabulary

A. Sex
I. Vocabulary

A. Sex

The bodily, biological reality of a person's sexual anatomy, reproductive organs, endocrine systems, and chromosomes
I. Vocabulary

B. Gender
I. Vocabulary

B. Gender

• How I experience and define myself as male or female
I. Vocabulary

B. Gender

• How I experience and define myself as male or female

• How I express myself through actions, clothing, and demeanor

Questions: meet.ps/genders
I. Vocabulary

B. Gender

• How I experience and define myself as male or female
• How I express myself through actions, clothing, and demeanor
• Cultural expectations for how men and women should behave.

Questions: meet.ps/genders
I. Vocabulary

C. Transgender
I. Vocabulary

C. Transgender

A person whose gender identity or gender expression differs from their biological sex
I. Vocabulary

C. Transgender – Gender Dysphoria

Questions: meet.ps/genders
I. Vocabulary

C. Transgender – Gender Dysphoria

A marked incongruence between one's experienced or expressed gender and biological sex leading to distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning (*DSM 5*)
I. Vocabulary

D. Transgenderism
The very fact of the two-sex system is an ideological, rather than a naturally occurring phenomenon.
Parenting to enable self-determination should be a given. So the institutions and organizations of the world need to stop oppressing people today with their gender expectations and with their gender norms. This is what brings suffering.
"The socially constructed heterosexual cisgender nuclear family is a key ideological building block of white supremacists and colonial, capitalists, heteropatriarchal societies, such as Canada and the U.S."
I. Vocabulary

D. Transgenderism

The world view and political agenda to mandate full approval for a system where sex and gender are determined solely by the feelings/desires of an individual.

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II. In the beginning

Questions: meet.ps/genders
27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

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Male – female are created realities, essential parts of life as image of God.
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Humans are covenant partners with God with divinely given purpose.
II. In the beginning

A. ____ humans are created in image of God

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II. In the beginning

A. *All* humans are created in image of God
II. In the beginning

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Dust + Breath = Person

when You take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. Psalm 104:29
II. In the beginning

B. Humans are _____ (dust) plus _______ (breath)
II. In the beginning

B. Humans are *body* (dust) plus ______ (breath)

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II. In the beginning

B. Humans are *body* (dust) plus *spirit* (breath)

Questions: meet.ps/genders
II. In the beginning

B. Humans are body (dust) plus spirit (breath)

1. A person does not _____ a spirit/body, but __ spirit/body in ______________________
II. In the beginning

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Questions: meet.ps/genders
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Questions: meet.ps/genders
II. In the beginning

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   1. A person does not **have** a spirit/body, but **is** spirit/body in **interacting duality**
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1. A person does not *have* a spirit/body, but *is* spirit/body in *interacting duality*

2. We live in ____________________________

Questions: meet.ps/genders
II. In the beginning

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2. We live in **sexed embodiment**

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one who does for us what we cannot do for ourselves
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one who does for us what we cannot do for ourselves
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22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. 23 The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."
II. In the beginning

C. Men and women are both human, equal but different, each _________________ the other.

Questions: meet.ps/genders
II. In the beginning

C. Men and women are both human, equal but different, each complementing the other.

Questions: meet.ps/genders
III. Pondering gender

A. We make mistakes when gender is
III. Pondering gender

A. We make mistakes when gender is

1. ________________ binary

Questions: meet.ps/genders
III. Pondering gender

A. We make mistakes when gender is

1. *exclusively* binary

Questions: meet.ps/genders
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Questions: meet.ps/genders

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Questions: meet.ps/genders
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Care-taking
Talk it out
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Risk-taking
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Children who roughhouse with their fathers learn that biting, kicking, and other forms of physical violence are not acceptable. An involved father is critical in the developing self-control.
III. Pondering gender

A. We make mistakes when gender is

1. exclusively binary

2. _________ from sex

3. defined by cultural ____________

Questions: meet.ps/genders
III. Pondering gender

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Questions: meet.ps/genders
III. Pondering gender

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Questions: meet.ps/genders
III. Pondering gender

B. Frameworks for Gender Dysphoria (Yarhouse)
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III. Pondering gender

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C. What about pronouns and names?

Questions: meet.ps/genders
IV. For Jesus Followers

A. Authority

Questions: meet.ps/genders
IV. For Jesus Followers

A. Authority

1. Authenticity – Eros: Morality must resonate with who I _____ I really am.

Questions: meet.ps/genders
IV. For Jesus Followers

A. Authority

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IV. For Jesus Followers

A. Authority

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2. Lordship – Agape: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Questions: meet.ps/genders
5A woman must not wear men's clothing, nor a man wear women's clothing, for the LORD your God detests anyone who does this.
4 Every man who prays or prophesies with his head covered dishonors his head. 5 But every woman who prays or prophesies with her head uncovered dishonors her head.
IV. For Jesus Followers

B. There are only a few texts which speak specifically of cross gender behavior but all of them express unqualified ________________

Questions: meet.ps/genders
IV. For Jesus Followers

B. There are only a few texts which speak specifically of cross gender behavior but all of them express unqualified disapproval.

Questions: meet.ps/genders
Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.  

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.  

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.
IV. For Jesus Followers

C. We _________ with the Spirit making every effort to become a consistent Jesus follower living according to our _________ design as a person in ________________, exercising our ___________ human attributes wisely in ways consistent with our sex/gender

Questions: meet.ps/genders
C. We **partner** with the Spirit making every effort to become a consistent Jesus follower living according to our __________ design as a person in ________________, exercising our ___________ human attributes wisely in ways consistent with our sex/gender 

Questions: meet.ps/genders
IV. For Jesus Followers

C. We **partner** with the Spirit making every effort to become a consistent Jesus follower living according to our **unique** design as a person in ______________, exercising our ___________ human attributes wisely in ways consistent with our sex/gender

Questions: meet.ps/genders
IV. For Jesus Followers

C. We **partner** with the Spirit making every effort to become a consistent Jesus follower living according to our **unique** design as a person in **community**, exercising our **_________** human attributes wisely in ways consistent with our sex/gender

Questions: meet.ps/genders
IV. For Jesus Followers

C. We **partner** with the Spirit making every effort to become a consistent Jesus follower living according to our **unique** design as a person in **community**, exercising our **common** human attributes wisely in ways consistent with our sex/gender

Questions: meet.ps/genders
The Pharisees complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and sinners?"

Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."
IV. For Jesus Followers

D. Jesus loves and serves all kinds of people, helping them come to repentance, and so should we

Questions: meet.ps/genders
36 Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.
IV. For Jesus Followers

E. Like God, we are known for mercy, grace, love, healing, and forgiveness, not judgment and condemnation

Questions: meet.ps/genders
Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.

Matthew 7:24