

Youth Group Lesson

Topic:

Gender Identity

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Description & Scope:

Confusion of the two genders that God created - male and female.
Internet defines it as a person's PERCEPTION of their gender, which may not correspond to their birth sex.

What are the real life challenges?

1. Confusion about being male or female - challenging how we are born
2. Trouble being accepted within peers - schoolmates, co-workers etc
3. Depression and other behavioural challenges
4. Being gender-confused can lead to rebellious behaviours, not conforming to the normal in anything - clothing, hairstyle, etc

Other Sources of Information (Articles, Videos, sermons, etc.)

<https://www.gotquestions.org/transsexualism-gender-identity-disorder.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/born-wrong-gender.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/gender-equality-inequality.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/arsenokoitai.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/homosexual-animals.html>

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/lifechallenges/understanding-homosexuality/homosexuality-faqs>

<https://www.focusonthefamily.com/lifechallenges/understanding-homosexuality/what-is-gender-identity/what-is-gender-identity>

What does Bible say?

Leviticus 18:22, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9, Romans 12:1-2,
Leviticus 20:13, Luke 17:1-2, Genesis 1:27-31

Jist of all these verses: do not sleep with a male as you sleep with a woman, it is an abomination; the unrighteous, sexually immoral, idolaters, adulterers will not inherit the kingdom of God.

God made us as two genders - male and female. The world we live in now is full of confusion, corrupted by sin.

Devil's ploy is to question God's plan for us & how he made us - saying God messed up with you, that is why you are not the gender He made.

We are all tempted - in different ways, which also includes wanting to be of a different sex than the one you are. Losing this struggle and falling into temptation is sin.

We may be born to susceptibility to be of a different gender, just like some are prone to violence more than others, some are born to be leaders more so than others etc. We all have different traits, and learning about God and His will for us keeps us in the straight path. Choosing to sin is what causes this issue - sin in this world is everywhere and in everything - when we walk the streets, when we watch tv, when we are in school, when we go to the store to buy something. NO SIN IS TOO GREAT FOR THE CLEANSING POWER OF JESUS. This is the time to come closer to God and renew our relationship with Him, to prepare for His coming!

Group Discussion:

1. What is your understanding of gender? Explain - to each
2. Is there any confusion about your gender and the way God created you?
3. What does your school say about gender identity?
4. Are gay/lesbian/transgender people still loved by God? What do you think?

Action & Follow-up:

Prayer: