

CrossPoint Community Guide

God and Sexuality | Jesus and Gender Confusion

DINNER & DELIGHT 45 minutes

- What is one area of life where people commonly say, “This is just how I feel,” but still need wisdom, truth, and guidance?

Read out loud: Due to the personal and sensitive nature of the topics, we want to guide our conversations with vulnerability by establishing shared agreements for engagement in this series:

- **Our Posture:** More will be brought up each Sunday than we are able to discuss, so if you need someone to process something we don’t get to, please reach out to me (your Community Facilitator) to set up a time to do that. *We are not here to win an argument, we are here to seek the truth of Jesus, and do so in a way that reflects the heart of Jesus toward one another.*
- **Our Promise:** Honor everyone. As we discuss personal and vulnerable topics, we will build trust and safety and maintain each other’s dignity by protecting confidentiality. If a Community member is absent during a particular conversation, the only person who gets to fill them in—if they choose—is the person who shared.
- **Our Practice:** Focus on our own bodies. There can be a temptation to use these topics to discuss other people’s experiences and bodies, instead of our own. Our shared goal, though, is to understand God’s good news about *our* bodies, so each of us is committing to limit our sharing to the context of our own experience.

Do we all agree to this?

LEARN & STUDY 25 minutes

Read together: *Genesis 1v27, 2v18, 24, Mark 10v6*

- What does Genesis 1v27, 2v18, 24 teach about the goodness of the body and the meaning of male and female in God’s design?
- Read 1 Corinthians 6v19-20. What does Paul mean when he says, “You are not your own”? How does that shape the way Christians think about their bodies?
- Read Romans 12v1-2. What is the relationship between offering our bodies to God and having our minds renewed?
- Read Romans 7v22-23. How does Paul’s language of inner conflict help us speak honestly about the war people can feel between desire, body, mind, and obedience?
- How does the closing emphasis on Jesus as the one who washes, justifies, saves, changes, and defines us keep this teaching centered on the gospel rather than merely on moral correction?

PRACTICE & IMPLEMENT 40 minutes

RIGHT NOW:

- Where are you tempted to believe that your deepest feelings automatically define what is most true about you?
- What part of your embodied life is hardest for you to surrender to Jesus right now: sexuality, appearance, aging, appetite, weakness, shame, comparison, control, or something else?
- For parents or mentors: how can you keep relationship without surrendering conviction, and keep conviction without losing tenderness?
- What would it look like for you to glorify God with your body this week in one concrete way?

THIS WEEK:

- Who in your life needs you to move toward them with more patience, warmth, curiosity, and presence?
- What would it look like for you to glorify God with your body this week in one concrete way?

REFLECT & PRAY *10 minutes*

- What is one takeaway from your time in community today?