

“Why did God Make Men and Women?”



OPEN IT

- Have you ever had a conversation about a sensitive issue where how you said something mattered just as much as what you said?
- What’s a time when you felt tension between showing compassion to someone and holding onto what you believed was true?

READ IT:

- Genesis 1:1, 1:26–27
- Romans 7:22–23
- Psalm 63 63:1
- Romans 12:1–2

EXPLORE IT

- According to **Genesis 1:26–27**, what truths do we learn about humanity being created “male and female” in the image of God?
- The message emphasized both equality and distinction between men and women. Why is it important to hold onto both ideas together?
- Why do you think sensitivity and compassion is important before discussing biblical convictions about gender?
- **Romans 7:22–23** describes an internal war within people. How does that passage help us understand struggles people experience in different areas of life?
- The message said, “our body and gender are connected—not disconnected.” What biblical ideas support that claim?
- **Romans 12:1–2** contrasts conforming to the world with being transformed by renewing the mind. What does that transformation practically look like for a follower of Jesus?

- The message stated: “Offer your body, change your mind” instead of “listen to your mind and change your body.” What do you think that means?
- Why is it important for Christians to speak with both clarity and compassion on difficult cultural topics?
- The speaker repeatedly said, “We love you and we are in.” Why might that kind of language matter deeply for people wrestling with identity questions or family struggles?
- What stood out most to you from the message’s approach to truth, grace, and pastoral care?

DO IT:

- Spend time this week reading Genesis 1–2 and Romans 12 slowly, asking God to shape your understanding of identity and transformation.
- Pray specifically for someone you know who is struggling with identity, confusion, loneliness, or pain—that they would experience both truth and the love of Christ.
- Before speaking about controversial topics this week, ask yourself: “Am I communicating both conviction and compassion?”
- Identify one area of your own life where you feel an “inner war” and intentionally surrender that struggle to Jesus in prayer and honesty.
- Practice listening well. If someone shares personal struggles or questions with you, focus first on understanding and caring for them before trying to “win” an argument.