

Conversation Guide

Gender pt. 4

Part 4 summary

- God created males and females to be biologically complementary, and marriage exists because of this complementarity
- Denying same-sex relationships does not keep something essential from same-sex attracted people; marriage and romance are not essential to your human flourishing
- Gender stereotypes can sometimes worsen a sense of dysphoria or isolation for those struggling with same-sex attraction

1.LGB&T

2.Manifesto

3.(De)transitioning

4.Scripture & Stereotypes

5.Bearing Burdens

Discussion questions

01 If romance is only one kind of love, what are the other kinds? Do you believe that friendship or familial love can be as powerful as romantic love? Why or why not?

02 We discover (and don't get a decision) about some aspects of reality, like gravity. Other aspects can change, like our cultural customs. Which category should masculinity and femininity fall into? What about marriage?

03 In Galatians 3:28, it says, "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." What does the apostle Paul mean? What does he *not* mean?

Diving deeper

In **1 Corinthians 5**, the Apostle Paul writes to address a kind of sexual immorality that was happening in the Corinthian church: "**a man has his father's wife.**" His words are very stern. But notice how he doesn't ask whether they intended to have a committed, monogamous relationship. Why don't you think he asked that question? How might the fact that he didn't ask shape the way we think about "committed, monogamous" same-sex relationships?