Student Notes

Affirming God's Design

I. A _____ of Terms

Biological sex*: "a reference to our reproductive anatomy as male or female including our internal and external sex organs, chromosomes, and hormones which are wired into our DNA"*

Gender*: "the behavioral, cultural, or psychological traits typically associated with one sex; how we live out our biological sex"*

Gender Identity*: "the awareness and sense of oneself as either male or female"*

II. A _____ of Terms

III. Appealing to _____

IV. Affirming _____ Design

    a. Gender _____ (Genesis 1:27; 5:1-2; Matthew 19:6; Mark 10:6)

    b. In God's _____ (Genesis 1:27)

    c. With _____ roles (Psalm 139:13-14)

V. Responding _____

    a. Speak the _____. (Ephesians 4:12-15)

    b. Speak in _____. (Ephesians 4:14-15)

    c. _____ the truth.

- "In Christ, my old self is crucified" (Romans 6:6).
- "In Christ, I am now "clothed…with Christ" (Galatians 3:27).
- "In Christ, my body is a temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 6:19).
- "In Christ, I have died to my old life and my life is now hidden in God" (Colossians 3:3).
- "In Christ, I am a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17).
- "In Christ, I am forgiven" (Ephesians 1:7).

Sticky Statement

God's design is the best design!

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Small Group Discussion Questions

What does the Bible say about gender or sex?

Why is it important to understand how certain terms are being defined?

Why is it unwise to build our belief system on our feelings, our thinking, or on an agenda?

What is one way you can affirm God's design this week?

Next Steps

How will you be a "doer of the Word and not a hearer only" (James 1:22)?

As a result of hearing this lesson, what action step will you take this week?