

6. How would you respond to a young person who shared his or her gender-identity struggles with you?

Sermon Notes

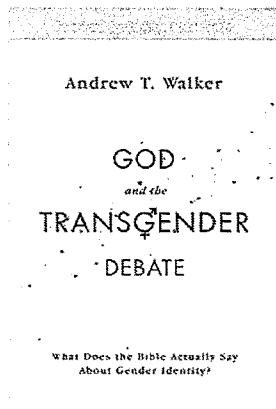
"Gender Identity Struggles"

Various Texts

September 29, 2019

Introduction

Additional Resources:



Andrew T. Walker, God and the Transgender Debate: What does the Bible Actually Say About Gender Identity?, The Good Book Company, Denmark, 2017.

A helpful biblical introduction to the topic for those struggling with gender dysphoria and anyone who loves them.

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

Katie Sprecher, Mission Impact, Guatemala

Pray as Katie teaches home economics to the girls at the Proximos Pasos School, helps with the Sewing Hope Sponsorship Program, and as a translator for short-term teams coming to Guatemala.

Conclusion

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 09-29-19

Questions adapted from John Stonestreet & Brett Kunkle, A Practical Guide to Culture, David C. Cook, Colorado Springs, CO, 2017, p. 221.

Getting Started:

1. In what ways does our culture shape our understanding of gender? Are the dominant views on gender in our culture healthy or harmful? Why or why not?

Digging Deeper:

2. What counsel would you give to a parent who approached you with this question: "My fourth-grade daughter plays with a boy next door named Jeremy. Next year he will return to school as Jenny. What do I tell my daughter?"
3. Read Matthew 19:3-6. Talk through the rationale that Jesus uses in this response. How do these apply to the topic of gender identity struggles?

4. How do the following verses contribute to this discussion?

a. Ps. 139:13-16

b. Genesis 3:1-7

c. 1 Corinthians 6:13-14, 19-20

d. Ephesians 4:17-24

For Further Study:

Read Stonestreet & Kunkle, A Practical Guide to Culture, chap 11.

5. How did you come to understand your identity as male or female? What were the most important influences? What were the most harmful?