

## Discuss

**Gender roles describe the social and cultural aspects of being male and female. They are largely built around stereotypes and often change throughout history. The Bible never commands for men to act masculine or women to act feminine; it only commands us to be godly, so any perceived dysphoria with gender roles shouldn't be an issue.**

- What are some common gender roles or stereotypes in today's culture? Have you noticed any of these change throughout your lifetime?
- Why is dysphoria with gender roles okay?

**True gender dysphoria happens when someone's internal sense of self doesn't match with their biological sex. Having dysphoria is not a moral issue, but there are moral choices that flow from how we respond to our brokenness. Christ's call on our life is to live in submission to how God made us, including our gender identity.**

- How can you grow in your understanding of people who struggle with gender?
- How are you allowing Christ to speak to your sexuality? Are you honoring Christ, or dishonoring Him?

**There are many cultural issues that will put Christians at odds against some within the trans community. When issues move beyond relational acceptance to affirmation and enablement, Christians must be true to biblical convictions. However, this has nothing to do with the ongoing call on every Christian to love. All Christians must do a much better job of letting folks in the trans community know that God loves them, and we love them.**

- What is the difference between acceptance and affirmation?
- How can you remain true to your Christian convictions while still being loving?
- How can we, as a community of faith, extend the love of Christ to people who struggle with gender?

## Next Steps

**Pray for God to speak into your sexual life and identity. Also pray for God to inform your understanding of people who wrestle with gender dysphoria, and how you can grow in your love towards them.**

April 19: [Evangelism in the Modern World Online](#)

April 20: [The Grounds Online Book Club: "Embodied"](#)

April 25: [Hygiene Drive](#)

## Continued Reading

Read [Genesis 1:26-28](#); [Deuteronomy 22:5](#); 1 Corinthians 6:[9-10](#), [18-19](#); [Romans 1:26-27](#).

## Prayer

God, you made us in your own image. Forgive us for anything we have said or done that doesn't honor your image in us or others. Help us to bring you honor with our sexuality, and grow in our understanding and love of others who struggle with any level gender dysphoria.