

“FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE”
GENDER & SEXUALITY (PART #1)
Psalm 139

What two extremes do people often respond with to this issue?

1. A Basic Foundation

~ Everyone Has a Worldview

What is a worldview?

Presupposition – set of beliefs that are accepted as true

Presuppositions of the Believer

- 1) God exists & he has revealed himself to man.
- 2) Mankind can know and believe in God.
- 3) Scripture is the Word of God.

Why is it important to understand a biblical worldview & presuppositions? — There’s a standard & God’s Word reveals it to us. (Ps 119:160; Jn 14:6, 17; 17:17; Heb 6:18)

~ The Word of God

INSPIRATION (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Pt 1:20-21)

INERRANCY (Deut 18:18; Mt 4:4; 5:17-18; 22:31-32)

Why is understanding/believing in inspiration & inerrancy important?

~ Timeline of Events

It all started in the 19th Century

John Stuart Mill –

Relativism –

2015 began greater focus on gender & sexuality with Jenner

When did this really come on the scene though?

Present gender & sexuality conversation is a major shift from 200+ years of national & societal history

~Terminology Overload

LGBTQ » LGBTQIA2S+ = lesbian, gay, bisexual, transexual/transgender, queer/questioning, intersex, asexual/aromantic, & 2-Spirit. “+” includes non-binary, gender fluid, cisgender, pansexual, & homosexual.

Understanding even minimally these terms helps us to understand what people are talking about & where they are coming from. It gives us clues into their thoughts, beliefs, and potentially how to minister to them.

Andrew T. Walker – “terminology is 80% of the debate” = **WHY?**

= Both sides need to understand convictions & reasons for using/not using certain terms/pronouns

2. Addressing Primary Issues for All of Us (Gen 1-3; Ps 139)

~We Challenge Authority (Gen 1-3)

When making choices, we go through three questions subconsciously...

- 1) Who has the right to tell me what to do? (AUTHORITY)
- 2) Who knows what is best for me to do? (KNOWLEDGE)
- 3) Who loves me and wants what is best for me? (TRUSTWORTHINESS)

Are you guilty of man’s initial sin?

~ We Think Sin Is Harmless

This is the fatal flaw of our thinking. What drives you to disobey God?

Satan/Flesh deceives us thinking: “It won’t happen to me.”

How has sin harmed your life/the lives of others?

~ What Qualifications Do We Have?

Authority (Ps 139:13-16; Acts 17:24-25) =

Knowledge (Job 38-41; Isa 40:13-14) =

Trustworthiness (Jn 3:16-17; 2 Tim 2:13; Jer 17:9 & Eph 4:18) =

3. Responding to this Social Issue

~ The “Ick Factor” & “Overarching Approval”

Both responses are unloving! How?

~ Beneath the Surface

Consider the real hurts & struggles of this community of people

~Showing Biblical Love & Compassion

How do we view the LGBTQ crowd? How should we view them?

Thinking about the church...