

## TRUE IDENTITY

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GENESIS 1:27

Identity: How do I know who I am?

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## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

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1. Review the three different ways people find their identity (traditional, modern, biblical). Explain the differences between them using the pictures Clayton drew in his sermon. What are the strengths and weaknesses of both the traditional and modern approaches?
2. Read Genesis 1:26-31. What does this passage tell you about what it means to be human? In particular, what does it mean to be made "in the image of God"?
3. How does the fact that humans are made in the image of God affect the way we see ourselves? Others? How does it affect the way we interact with people who experience gender dysphoria or identify as transgender?
4. Why do Christ-followers believe the body (physical sex characteristics), rather than the mind (inner sense of gender), tells you someone's true, God-given gender identity?
5. Where have you experienced tension (in your workplace, school, family, friends) around transgender issues? What would it look like to approach these situations with both truth and love?
6. If you have children, how have/will you navigate conversations around gender identity?
7. How does rooting your identity in Jesus help people pursue faithfulness in their sexuality and gender identity, especially when it is hard?
8. What can you do to make the places you are (your home, your workplace, your church, your community group) safer places for people to share their struggles with sexuality and gender identity? How will they experience both truth and love?

**Prayer Prompt:** Upward, Inward, Outward. Take 1-2 minutes to pray with three different postures: First, hold your palms open facing upward, and praise God for who he is (the Attributes of God list may be helpful for this exercise). Second, place your hands over your heart and talk to God about your needs, questions, confessions, that arose from today's conversation. Finally, hold your palms outward and pray for friends, family members, and your community.