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Week 4 • 6 Nov • Recognising Diversity

Gender and Sex is part of how God has created each of us in his image. Let our posture be biblical, humble and Christ-like.

1. When was the last time you felt like you were totally different to everyone else in the room? What was it like?
2. Look at Matthew 4:17.
How do we help each other repent of all our sin humbly?
3. Read Romans 8:23-26.
This passage speaks of, despite our faith and salvation, our bodies 'groaning inwardly', and the Holy Spirit helps us in this.
How does this help us start wrestling with the following questions:
 - a. What does it look like for someone to honour Jesus even if they continue to experience same sex attraction?
 - b. What does it mean to follow Jesus as a man or woman when I continue to be in anguish with my biological sex?
 - c. What are some stereotypes of men and women that are unhelpful here?
 - d. How do we build a community that extends grace and love to each other and the world, without letting go of truth?



4. For followers of Jesus, what we believe about sex and sexuality is perceived by some to be hateful.
 - a. How do you feel about following Jesus knowing that it may bring a level of persecution?
 - b. What do you need from others in our church community in order to walk through this?

Further Resources:

Websites	Books
<p><u>Center for Faith, Sexuality and Gender</u> https://www.centerforfaith.com/ For example: https://theologyintheraw.com/podcast/1011-sexuality-and-the-gospel-jackie-hill-perry/</p> <p><u>Living Out</u> https://www.livingout.org/ For Example: https://www.livingout.org/resources/posts/78/a-bible-chapter-for-same-sex-attracted-christians</p>	<p>Washed and Waiting - Wesley Hall</p> <p>Holy Sexuality - Chrisopher Yuan</p> <p>Embodied - Preston Sprinkle</p> <p>Why does God care who I sleep with? - Sam Allberry</p> <p>Gay Girl, Good God - Jackie Hill Perry</p>