

## Gender and Sexuality | Genesis 1:26-27; Matthew 19:3-6 ; 1 Peter 3:15-17

### Three Goals for This Message:

1. Understand what is happening in our culture's understanding of gender and sexuality, and why.
2. Understand God's design for these things.
3. Respond by being a church that is both compassionate and courageous.

### 1. Where are we?

### 2. What is God's design for gender and sexuality?

#### Some helpful definitions:

**Sex:** a biological term for male or female (very rarely intersex); this term used to be the same as gender.

**Gender identity:** A person's inner sense of their gender, whether male, female, both, or neither.

**Gender roles:** social codes and practices that differentiate male from female in a particular culture.

**Gender dysphoria:** a psychological term for the distress some people feel when their internal sense of self doesn't match with their biological sex.

### 3. What kind of a church do we hope to be?

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