



Transgender

-Toughest topic to be empathetic about

Ideal

Genesis 1:27

- God created two sexes
- Both are in the image of God and carry the same intrinsic value
- God did however create differences between them
- The end goal being that they come together and make a perfect compliment to each other

Sin

-Biological sexual development issue
-this is not anyone's fault

-Psychological Gender issues
-people who don't feel that their gender is the same as their biological sex
-biological sex - the chromosomes and organs you're born with
-gender - how biological sex should be felt or expressed in society

-Is transgender a real psychological thing or is it simply disobedience?
-For some it is a matter of not wanting to conform to society
-As a Christian, the Bible doesn't call us to fall into strict social norms or stereotypes
-We have a lot of freedom in Christ
-1 Corinthians 11:4-6
-The Corinthian believers have the right not to dress according to social norms
- However, Paul still calls them to follow the norms to some extent so as to not be a distraction from people worshipping God
*You don't have to fit rigid gender stereotypes
*You should not push so much against social norms that the attention is on you and not God

-For some there is an actual psychological phenomenon going on
-Gender incongruence - When someone does feel that their gender matches their biological sex
-they don't feel that they are the right sex or that they fit any sex
-Gender dysphoria - When someone's gender incongruence leads to anxiety that affects their social, mental, physical well being
*this is not something they have chosen or brought upon themselves
*God didn't mess up, they didn't mess up, sin makes a mess of things

Redemption

1 Corinthians 15:53-54

-In eternity the effects of sin will be erased and we will have perfect bodies and minds

-While we are here, God may alleviate some of the effects of sin but not all

How do we respond to someone who is gender incongruent?

- If they aren't a Christian they need Jesus
- If they are a Christian we love and support them

If you are going through this

- Talk to someone about what your feeling
- Seek professional counsel that can help you deal with the feelings you are feeling