

**Series: Swimming in the Cultural Sea**  
**Message: Gender**

Culture = accepted ideas, priorities and expectations that direct our choices and actions.

The more important something is, the more sin will distort it

The more wonderful something is, the more sin will abuse it

**Danger:** the lies our culture tells

- Gender is a role that is chosen and defined by every individual
- Gender is separate and distinct from their biological/created design (anatomy)

Questions and considerations:

- Consider or discuss some of the conflicting messages that are present in our culture gives regarding what it means to be a man or a woman.
- Question: How important to their identity is a person's gender?

**Protections: the truth of God**

- God created us, male and female **Genesis 1:27**
- Our primary identity is in Christ, "we are Christians" **Galatians 3:28**

Questions and considerations:

- Consider/discuss: How difficult is it to consider yourself first of all a Christian and everything else (gender, political affiliation, race, etc.) is secondary?
  - What are the implications of this truth perspective?
- Question: How does having our identity first of all in Christ allow us to live with confidence in all the other aspects of our lives?

**Actions**

- Remember who you are in Christ **II Corinthians 5:17**
- See the world for what it is, broken, confused, lost
  - "don't get mad , be sad for them
- Love your neighbor as yourself **Matthew 22:37-39**
- Share the gospel **Matthew 28: 18-20**

Questions and considerations:

- What evidence do you see that this culture/world is broken and confused about many things?
- Consider/Discuss your reaction or attitude toward individuals you may encounter who are confused about their gender.
- How might it change your attitude if you consider the individual as lost and confused rather than defiant and rebellious?
- What might it mean to love a person struggling with their gender identity?