



Transgenderism
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Jonah 3:6 - 4:3, p. 775
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(1) Gender is a gift from God – distorted by sin, and redeemed by Jesus.

- a. Creation: Genesis 1:26-28 (*Gender is a good gift*)
- b. Fall: Genesis 11:1-9 (*Gender is fallen [confused] and distorted by sin*)
- c. Redemption: Romans 6:3-11 (*True identity is found in Christ and not gender*)
- d. Consummation: Revelation 21:1-4 (*The effects of sin on gender are no more!*)

(2) Gender Dysphoria Defined

- a. What is it?
 - i. *“The experience of distress associated with the incongruence wherein one’s psychological and emotional gender identity does not match one’s biological sex.” (Yarhouse)*
- b. Symptoms
- c. Causes
- d. Prevalence
- e. Treatment
- f. Risks

(3) Jonah and Mission to the LGBT Community

- a. God is sovereign and capable of saving whoever He pleases.

- b. Jesus is faithful in ways Jonah couldn’t be – who are we going to follow?

Application: Love your LGBT neighbor AND stand firm in the truth of the gift of gender (without being a jerk!)

Small Group Questions

1. What is your experience with Gender Dysphoria? With the LGBT community?
2. What does the whole story of Scripture teach us about gender?
3. What surprised you about Gender Dysphoria as defined during the sermon?
4. How do the *Purity-From*, *Defense-Against*, and *Faithful-Presence Within* paradigms inform (or distort) our views towards the Transgender community?
5. What is the overall message of the book of Jonah?
6. What is the big miracle in the book of Jonah?
7. How can the book of Jonah inform and instruct the church concerning mission to the LGBT community?
8. How is Jonah's heart-attitude (4:2) mimicked in our opinions and convictions against the LGBT community?
9. What do you need to repent of, or be exhorted to do in light of this text and topic?
10. Spend some time praying for Hope's (and your Small Group's) witness to and love of the LGBT community.

Book Recommendations:

- *Openness Unhindered* by Rosaria Butterfield
- *Understanding Gender Dysphoria* by Mark A. Yarhouse
- *God and the Transgender Debate* by Andrew T. Walker