

Matthew 19:1-15
Sunday, 17th March '24

→ This truth makes us compassionate

"Far too many young people are pulled into the arms of the transgender movement because they find an experience of care in community there that they should've received from the church."

"Far too many parents live isolated in their heartbreak over a gender-confused child, needing the church to come around them in support."
(Ferguson, Ibid, p.32)

Who am I?

"Today identity is a do-it-yourself project based on self-discovery and self-expression." (Samuel D. Ferguson, Does God care about Gender Identity? p.13)

- Gender
- Sex

Matthew 19:3

1. We are created

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- a Lego kit view
- an art restoration view

"The only limitation is your own imagination."
(Quoted in Vaughan Roberts, Transgender, p.36)

→ This truth makes us secure

"We are facing an tsunami of anxiety, especially among younger people, and especially around matters of meaning and purpose in life. Something is not working/ Something is broken. The rates of worry and depression we are experiencing are off the charts." (Stephen McAlpine, Futureproof, p.26)

"When I was at school, the biggest decision I had to make was what subjects to choose for my exams. Now teenagers are having to consider how to define their sexuality and gender." (Roberts, *Ibid*, pp.37-38)

2. We are embodied

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"In a profound sense, our body is our gender. We are gendered all the way down. Every cell in a woman's body has an XX chromosome. Every cell in a man's body has an XY chromosome." (Ferguson, *Ibid*, p.20)

→ This truth makes us humble

Psalms 139:13-14

3. We are disordered

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- Eunuchs