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Scripture: Genesis 1, 2

Series: Human Sexuality

Human sexuality and the accompanying issues have been a part of creation from the beginning. How do disciples of Jesus understand the Scriptures, understand cultural realities, and live faithful lives to Jesus in all aspects of their human sexuality?

Genesis Overview:

**Author and Date:** Genesis was perhaps written by Moses around 1445 B.C.

**First readers and their location:** Because Genesis was written so long ago much of what we know about authorship and audience are handed down from tradition. The first audience is thought to be the nation of Israel on their journey in the wilderness.

**Why was it written?:** Genesis is an historical narrative of God at work in creation and humanity.

### Message Outline

1. All of humanity is made in the **IMAGE** of God and finds their **IDENTITY** in Him (Gen. 1:26-31)
2. God created two **COMPLIMENTARY** genders (Gen. 2:18-22).
3. A sexual relationship is to be **EXCLUSIVE** and **PERMAMENT** found only in a marriage relationship between a man and a woman (Gen. 2:23-25).

### Open-up

In your group discuss how you have seen the idea and expression of sexuality change over the last 20-30 years.



Into the Bible

Read: **Genesis 1:26-31, 2:18-25**

What do you notice about the passage itself? (Structure, repeated words or ideas, unique words, main points...) Ask the question, "What does it say?" (For more help on effective Bible Study see the resources at the back)

According to Genesis 1:26-31, what does it reveal about humanity?

What role does humanity have in God's creation?

What does Genesis 2:18-25 say about the relationship between man and woman?

What questions do these passages raise for you?



Into my life

Ask the question, **"What does this look like in my life?"**

How should being created in God's image shape your thinking about yourself and others?

What biblical and practical anchors will inform your understanding of issues of homosexuality, same gender attraction, pre-marital, or extra-marital involvement?

What are some practical ways to enjoy friendship with the opposite gender whether single or married?

What are some practical ways married couples can deepen their marriage relationship with their spouse?

Is there an area of your sexuality that you need to surrender to the One who created you?

**Other Application Questions:**

Is there something to worship or thank God for?

Is there a promise to claim or a truth to believe?

Is there something I am convicted about that I need to work on?

Is there something or someone I need to pray for this week? (Be specific)

Is there any relationship I need to work on?



Into the World

**Ask, “what does this look like in my day to day life?”**

How can we hold on to a biblical view of sexuality in our overly sexualized culture? What can this look like keeping in mind the call on every believer to “Love God, and Love Others?”

Prayer List:

My challenge for this week:

More Resources for personal and group use:

<https://www.precept.org/know-gods-word/>

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/1304>

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/195647>

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