

Sex, relationships and a good God

Gender and God's image

Sunday 6th October 2013

Genesis 1:26-31



● **A culture in confusion**

● **A creator who has spoken**

● **A busy waiting-room**

● **Sex, relationships and a good God**

● **Gender is good**

● **Gender reflects God's image**

● **Distorted: gender merged or at war**

● **A heavenly picture**

● **Don't swallow the medicine**

Conversation starter:

How relevant do you think the church is today? Why?

**Fellowship Group
Questions**

- To what extent does our societies confusion and obsession with sex and sexuality affect you?
- How do you think the church can best respond to the challenge our culture faces? (not necessarily what it should say, but how?) How comfortable do you feel about discussing these issues? What will be the outcome if we don't address these things?
- Look at Genesis 1&2. What clues are there that God thinks that human gender and sexuality is really special?
- How much impact do you think 'age' and 'generation' has on our attitudes and practices regarding these issues?
- Remind yourselves: what does it mean to be made in 'God's image'? What is the problem when we don't?
- Looking outside of the church, wrestling with these issues biblically is counter-cultural. How does being counter-cultural feel and why? Do we do it naturally? How can we make sure we listen to the God who has spoken, even when it appears the world is shouting louder?
- Spend some time praying for one another and the church in the UK.

