



VALLEY REAL LIFE

God + Sexuality | Grace + Truth on Homosexuality

Last Week

Did last week's lesson make anyone rethink the way they have felt towards people who identify as homosexual?

Opener

Have you ever wished you were something you're not? How did this impact your life at that time?

Questions

Why do you think it's important to live according to the identity given to you by God? Is this easy or difficult for you?

God has put boundaries in place for you, but yet has given you the freedom to walk outside those boundaries. Why do you think God designed these boundaries and when do you most often find yourself outside the boundaries?

What is the good news of Jesus for those who identify outside their birth gender? In the same way, what is the good news for you when you struggle with your new identity in Christ?

How can you encourage others with grace and truth to live in the identity given to us by God instead of our feelings?

Apply SOAP (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) to:

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

- This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun.
- *Read the verses out loud together,*
- *Share your observations,*
- *Discuss Application*
- *Close in Prayer*

Next Steps:

Pray that you and others would rely more on your God-given identity than your feelings. Consider how you can best live out this identity at home, work, church, and in your community.