

# Reconstruction

## Week 4: The Church and Sexual Identity

### CCV Groups Discussion Guide

#### Opening Question:

How did this weekend's message increase your awareness or shape your perspective of God's plan for sexuality?

#### Groups [Video Guide](#)

#### Read it again:

- [Genesis 1:26-31](#)

#### Discuss:

- Why is sexuality so impactful for our identity? Think biblically about God's purpose(s) for sex.
- What does it mean for a church to be accepting but not affirming? What does that look like in practical terms (boots on the ground)?
- Why is sex such a lightning rod issue in culture today?
- What will happen to a church that stands on biblical teaching for its social values? What will happen to a church who does not?

#### Prayer:

Take time to pray for those in our city and communities that are struggling to understand their identity sexually. Pray that God would open up opportunities for us to extend the love of Jesus to them so they may come to know the Lord and follow Him in obedience.

## Scriptures:

- **Genesis 1:26–27**, Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.”
- **Psalms 139:13–14**, “For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.”
- **Hebrews 13:4**, “Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.”
- **Leviticus 18:22**, “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.”
- **Romans 1:26–27**, “For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.”
- **1 Corinthians 6:9–11**, “Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.
- **2 Corinthians 5:17**, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”