



Did God Really Say...?

Family Discussion Guide

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Discussion Questions for Kids

- 1. Have you ever tried to put a puzzle together without looking at a picture of what it was supposed to look like? Having a picture makes it so much easier because we know what the puzzle is supposed to look like. What happens when we decide how we think something should be versus how God says it should be?**
 - We might not know what God means to happen with our lives if we don't follow His instructions. After all, He made us and knows His plan for us (Genesis 1:27)!
 - It was God's design to make us boys or girls (Genesis 2:22-25). We are like puzzle pieces - we are different but every piece is equally important in God's plan.
 - When Adam and Eve decided for themselves what was right instead of listening to God, sin entered the world and messed things up (Genesis 3:1-7). We are all affected by sin, even though that happened a long time ago. Sin created problems for us in all kinds of areas. Yes, we are free to choose if we want to obey God or not, but there will always be consequences when we choose not to obey God's plan. We don't get God's best when we are choosing sin (James 4:17; Galatians 6:6-10).



2. Marriage is a picture of the Gospel. Why do you think Satan wants to mess that up? Why does it matter if God made us a boy or girl? Why does what we do with our bodies matter to God?

- Since marriage is a picture of the Gospel (the husband is a picture of Christ, the wife a picture of the Church), Satan will do anything he can to make the Gospel message into something besides God's truth. If he can trick us into thinking our ways are better than God's, he wins.
- God created us in His image on purpose, with a purpose, for a purpose (Genesis 1:27; Ephesians 2:10).
- Our minds do not hold ultimate truth, only God's Word does. We are to change ourselves to match God's Word and truth, not try to make God's Word say what we want it to say. If we could make God's Word be what we want, it would not be ultimate truth (Hebrews 4:12-13; Romans 12:1).
- The soul and body are connected (1 Corinthians 6:13-20). Our bodies are a temple of the Lord, bought with the price of Jesus' death on the cross. We should glorify God with our body, not use it for sin.

3. What about someone who feels like they are in the wrong body? Did God make a mistake? What if I feel this way sometimes? What if I don't understand why someone feels the way they do? How am I supposed to treat people when they don't follow God's plan for how they were created?

- Romans 8:22-25 tells us that all of creation is struggling against sin. All of God's creation has been affected by sin and we are waiting for God to redeem our bodies. Our souls are redeemed at the point of salvation. Our bodies must wait until Jesus comes again.
- Jesus came to redeem us from our sin - every kind of sin. We are not alone. Jesus knows our struggle against sin because he was tempted himself (though he never sinned). He came so we can have a full life and asks us to bring our burdens to Him (John 10:10; Matthew 11:28-30).
- God does not make mistakes! He made each of us in His image and on purpose (Genesis 1:27; Ephesians 2:10). But because of sin, we will be tempted to do things outside of God's plan.
- Just because we might not struggle with the same things others do, doesn't mean their problems aren't real. When people struggle, it



gives us an opportunity to point people to Jesus by how we love them.

- As big as our pain seems now, the joy Jesus will bring when He returns will be so much bigger than the pain we have felt in this life (Romans 8:18). This world is not our home. We are made for eternity, and as followers of Christ, we look forward to eternity with Him, whole, complete, and without sin (Hebrews 13:14).
- Our actions should never be those of judgment, but should point people to Jesus. Extend grace, never hate. We can love someone without agreeing with their behavior. Love yourself as God's creation, and love others as yourself. (Ephesians 2:10; Mark 12:30-31).

Discussion Questions for Students

- 1. Have you seen videos where someone says, “I was today years old when I found out...”? Sometimes the thing they found out, you didn't know either. But if we were to go back and look at the original intent of the designer, we would see that's the way they meant for it to be used the whole time. Where is the disconnect? People probably just started picking up the product and using it like they wanted (or like someone showed them) instead of looking at the directions written by the creator. How do you think this relates to gender in our culture today? What happens when we decide how something should be versus how God says it should be?**
 - We don't necessarily use things the way the designer intended. It's always better to look to the creator. In our case as humans, God is our creator and giver of life (Genesis 1:27).
 - Gender was designed by God. He intentionally created male and female (Genesis 2:22-25). In the original Hebrew, woman means “essential counterpart.” Like puzzle pieces that connect and complement each other, men and women are equal in value but different in function.
 - When Adam and Eve decided for themselves what was right instead of listening to God, sin entered the world and corrupted it (Genesis 3:1-7). We are all affected by it. Sin created problems for us in all kinds of areas, including gender and sexuality. Yes, we have the freedom to choose, but there will always be consequences for our actions. God's



best for us cannot be realized while we are choosing sin (James 4:17, Galatians 6:6-10).

2. If marriage is a picture of the Gospel, why do you think Satan wants to attack it so much? Why does someone's biological gender matter if they feel like they should be another gender? Why does what we do with our bodies matter?

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3. What about someone who struggles with gender identity and feels out of place in their own body? What if I feel this way? How can I understand someone who has a struggle that is completely different from my own? How am I supposed to treat people who struggle with gender identity?

- Romans 8:22-25 tells us that all of creation is struggling. The entirety of God's creation has been affected by sin and is struggling, waiting for God to redeem our bodies. Our souls are redeemed at the point of salvation. Our bodies must wait until Jesus comes again.
- Jesus came to redeem us from our sin - every kind of sin. We are not alone. Jesus knows our struggle against our flesh and Satan because he was tempted himself (though he never sinned). He came so we can have abundant life and asks us to bring our burdens to Him (John 10:10; Matthew 11:28-30).
- Just because we might not struggle with the same things others do, doesn't mean their problems aren't real. Things like eating disorders, mental illness, chronic illness, and addiction are real even if we don't



personally deal with them. Each of these struggles give us an opportunity to point people to Jesus by how we love them.

- As big as our pain seems now, the joy Jesus will bring when He returns will overwhelm the pain we have felt in this life (Romans 8:18). This world is not our home. We are eternal beings, and as followers of Christ, we look forward to eternity with Him, whole, complete, and without sin (Hebrews 13:14).
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