



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pumpkin Party Candy & Volunteers Needed** – Join us on Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm for a fun night of Carnival Games with candy, music, inflatables and costume contest. Food meals \$5.00. Candy and volunteers are needed. Volunteer on the APP. For more information - go to: [swkids@southwinds.org](mailto:swkids@southwinds.org)
- **Prayer & Praise Night** – You are welcome to join us on October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for Prayer and Praise. A time dedicated specifically to worship through music, scripture reading, and testimonies designed to give all glory and honor to God. Prayer teams will be available for individual prayer needs. This is a free event.
- **Women's Soup & Cinema** – The Women's Ministry is having a Soup & Cinema Night potluck on November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5-7:30pm. For more information and to sign-up please go to the APP.

## MY STORY

What are some false stereotypes our culture has about the genders? Why are some of them funny? Have fun joking about these and how some are loosely based in fact.

## QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

## Have a Volunteer Read: Genesis 1:26-28, 31

*<sup>26</sup>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." <sup>27</sup>So, God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup>God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground." . . . . <sup>31</sup>God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day. (Genesis 1:26-28, 31, NIV)*

– God declares our embodied human existence as **VERY GOOD**.

“We need both men and women to reflect God’s image” – Michael Nolen

- How would our culture be different if we saw our gendered bodies & souls as reflections of our Maker, not just random realities?
- How is the truth that God created us, male & female, embodied souls, in His image a more hopeful worldview than Darwinistic Evolution?
  - Than the sexual revolution?
  - Than the secular view that our bodies and souls don’t affect each other?

– God made us **EQUAL WITH ONE ANOTHER**.

“We are always at our best when men and women are walking in mutual respect of both our equality and our differences” – Michael Nolen

- How does thinking about these things challenge you to think differently about the other gender? Your own gender??

**Have Another Volunteer Read: Genesis 2:18**

– God intentionally creates humans as **MALE AND FEMALE**.

*The Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him.” (Genesis 2:18, NIV)*

“What changed God’s not good to very good? The difference was the creation of two genders . . . God made us male and female because fundamentally, we need each other.” – Michael Nolen

- How does the enemy make us feel that the genders don’t need each other?
- How has the enemy used culture to cause us to blame the other gender for the world’s problems?
- What are some practical expressions of these beliefs in our marriages? In our parenting? In our work relationships?

Extra Question

- How would you answer someone who says that Jesus never said anything about gender?

**Have Another Volunteer Mark 10:6**

- How would you answer this verse?

## **APPLICATION**

Since we live in a Genesis 3 world (broken by sin), what steps can we take to get us closer to restoring a Genesis 1-2 world?

## **PRAISES**

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**