

### Questions for Reflection:

1. Why is it significant that sexual difference (as opposed to race or socio-economics) is the one difference created by God? Why or why not?
2. Do you believe gender differences are biological, socially constructed, or a combination of both? What evidence can you find to support your belief? Does it matter?
3. Have you harbored incorrect or unloving attitudes toward the opposite sex? If so, what were they? How will you change how you interact with the opposite sex?
4. If you are married: Have you ever thought about the purpose of your marriage? Brainstorm with your spouse: what would we like to say we have accomplished at the end of our lives together? What unique gifts and interests do we have to offer as a couple?

### Further Reading:

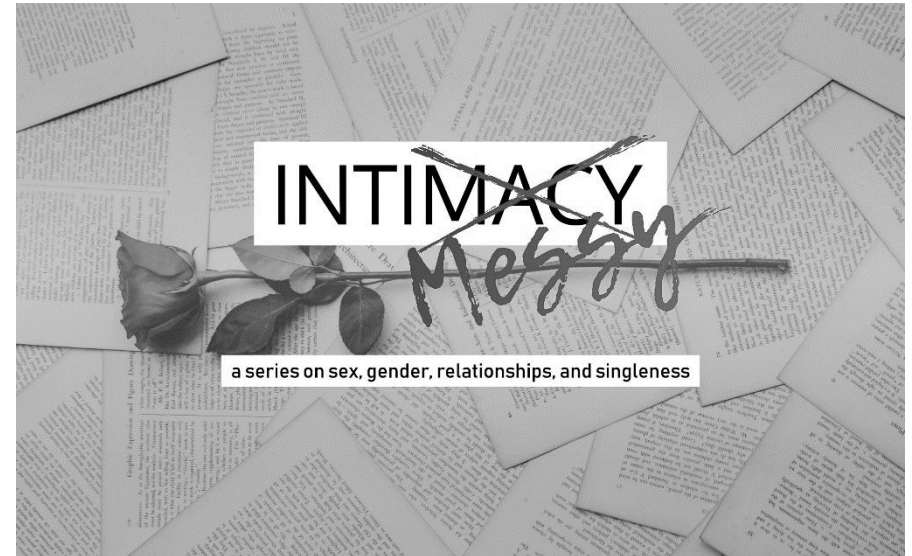
“Saving Our Sons” and “The Minds of Girls” by Michael Gurian

“Love Thy Body” by Nancy Pearcey

“Mere Sexuality: Rediscovering the Christian Vision of Sexuality” by Todd Wilson

“Loveology: God. Love. Marriage. Sex. And the never-Ending Story of Male and Female” by John Mark Comer

“The Meaning of Marriage: by Tim and Kathy Keller



## Male and Female

### Genesis 1-2

Many people believe the Bible only gives us \_\_\_\_\_ about sex.

The problem is that we try to apply Biblical \_\_\_\_\_ to a secular \_\_\_\_\_.

Ethics must be based on a consistent understanding of \_\_\_\_\_.

- Our society doesn't have one single answer, so our ideas about sex and gender are \_\_\_\_\_.

Purpose and structure don't \_\_\_\_\_ freedom, they \_\_\_\_\_ it.

## Scripture: Genesis Chapters 1 & 2

Genesis 1 tells us how God \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

Vs. 2 describes chaos

God orders it by \_\_\_\_\_ things.

- Light from darkness (vs. 4)
- Waters above from waters above (vs. 6)
- Water from dry land (vs. 9-10)
- Seed-bearing plants *according to their kinds* (vs. 11)
- Creatures *according to their kind* (vs. 21)

God separates \_\_\_\_\_ from other creatures because we are made in the image of God. (vs 26)

2 Tasks: (vs 28)

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the earth.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ it.

God separates \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. (ch 2)

"...but for Adam, not suitable helper was found." (vs. 20)

- Helper = \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 46:1)
- Suitable = *kaf* = "like" or "the same as"

& *neged* = "in front of" or "against"

"That is why..." (vs 24) this story is the \_\_\_\_\_ for marriage.

"Adam and Eve and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame." (vs 25) This story is describing marriage in the ideal world.

## What we learn about Male and Female:

1. Men and women are created \_\_\_\_\_.

- \_\_\_\_\_ difference is the one division created by God.

2. Men and women are created \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The Bible does not prescribe strict \_\_\_\_\_.

- Modern society and technology have eased women's caregiving demands.
- All individuals should be able to work according to their \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Marriage is not just between \_\_\_\_\_ people.

- Marriage is for \_\_\_\_\_.

5. Marriage has a purpose beyond "two people \_\_\_\_\_ each other."