

# Defined by Design - Distorted by Lies

## By Design: Living in God's Freedom for Sex and Identity

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### Discussion Questions:

1. **Identity & Design (Addressed in Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9):** What does it mean that God made humans male and female and designed marriage? How does understanding God's design affect the way you view your own identity?
2. **Sin & Sexuality (Addressed in Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:9-10):** How do these passages challenge cultural definitions of sexuality? How can we speak truth in love to people wrestling with sexual sin or confusion?
3. **The Universality of Sin (Addressed in Romans 3:23; Jeremiah 17:9):** How does knowing that "all have sinned" change the way we see ourselves and others? Why is it dangerous to rank sins or assume one sin is worse than another?
4. **God's Design for Sexuality (Addressed in 1 Corinthians 7:2):** Why does God give marriage as the context for sexual expression? How can understanding this help someone live in freedom rather than guilt or confusion?
5. **Hope & Redemption (Addressed in Genesis 3:21; 2 Corinthians 5:21):** How does God's provision of clothing for Adam and Eve point to Jesus? What does it mean that Jesus "became sin" for us?
6. **Receiving Identity in Christ (Addressed in John 1:12):** What does it practically look like to receive your identity from Christ instead of culture or feelings? How does this affect daily choices, relationships, and how you speak about yourself?
7. **Application & Accountability:** What steps can you take this week to reconnect with the Designer, replace lies with truth, and receive God's design? How can our group encourage each other to live out God-defined identity in a culture that is confusing or hostile?

### Additional Resources:

- [thebayouchurch.org/bydesign](http://thebayouchurch.org/bydesign)