

What You Need to Know

// What We Believe

Our aim in everything that we do is to point students to God's design for our lives. This extends to every part of who we are and how we live. Sex and gender are no different. Everything we believe and teach is rooted in God's word. Below, you will find three definitions that have been used in training our leaders to help them lead students to a biblical worldview.

- **Sex + Gender** - God's good design includes **intentional** sex difference. Scripture does not distinguish between sex and gender. The way we **express** our gender is not the thing that **determines** our gender. [Gen. 2:24 | Mt. 19:4-5]
- **Marriage** - Marriage is a gift from God. It is the union between one **man** and one **woman** for as long as they are alive*. Marriage exists to **fill the earth** and teach us about the relationship between Jesus and the Church. (*While there is a conversation to be had about the Bible's view on divorce - we know that God's original design was for marriage to be a life-long union) [Gen. 2:24 | Mt. 5:31-32; 22:29-30 | Eph. 5:21-33]
- **Sexual Relationships** - Sex was designed by God to happen between one man and one woman inside the covenant of marriage. [Ex. 20:14 | Heb. 13:4]

These conversations always carry with them a great deal of nuance. Our leaders are equipped to partner with students as they wrestle with all of life's questions. Our goal is build relationships that lead to gospel-centered conversations.

// Session Content

Each large group and small group session has been prayerfully crafted to help engage students in a larger conversation about living out the good life God has designed them for. Our theme of, **Restored** points us to the work God is currently engaged in of restoring us to the fullness of his image (a work which will be complete in eternity). Below are the titles and brief descriptions of each of the large group and small group sessions.

Large Group 1 - God's Good Design

Key verses: Genesis 1-3

Main Idea: God has a good design for my life

Small Group 1 - Identity

In this session, students will take a deep dive on what it means to be an image bearer of God as described in Genesis 1 and 2

Small Group 2 - Distorted

In this session, students will begin to see how sin has distorted our ability to reflect God's image in all areas of life.

Large Group 2 - The Enemy's Lie

Key Verses: Genesis 3

Main Idea: Sin has distorted our ability to reflect God's image

Large Group 3 - God's Redemptive Plan

Key Verses: Galatians 2:20

Main Idea: In Christ, God has made a way to reflect his image again

Small Group 3 - Restored

In this session, students will explore how God is restoring his good design in and through them.

Small Group 4 - Shared

In this session, students will learn how to share the image of God with those around them.