

# Human Sexuality, Gender, and the Gospel

## Forestgate Presbyterian Church

### Lesson 11: TQIA – Responding with Truth and Grace

*Goal for this class: Given some greater clarity and confidence from God’s revelation, how do we also respond with compassion to victims of the transgender revolution and its underlying ideas.*

#### 1. Resources

- Calvin Goligher. “Intersex and the Kingdom of God” *Reformation 21*, May 24, 2022 at <https://www.reformation21.org/blog/intersex-and-the-kingdom-of-god>

#### 2. Recent news

- The world pushing back on transgenderism: Sweden and Oklahoma
- Local effects: counseling for minors in CO
- LGBTQIA+ pride month begins this Wednesday

#### 3. Recap and Segue

“The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either — but right through every human heart.” Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

Many are being hurt and misled by the sexual revolution.

- How can we as Christians rush in to help?
- And at the same time, how can we maintain some propriety and perspective, such that we are not talking about sex all the time, like our culture would have us to do?

#### 4. Questions for discussion

*How do we show compassion for the intersex, without giving any quarter to the idea that one can change their sex?*

- Definitions:
  - o Intersex - describes a small percentage of people who are affected by a congenital disorder of sexual development, such that they do not have a fully functioning reproductive system.
  - o Gender dysphoria - the condition of feeling one's emotional and psychological identity to be at variance with one's birth sex

*How do we respond to a teenage girl who would now rather be a boy? Who is working with us and who is working against us? What happens when they turn 18?*

How do we look for and address the underlying issue for many? How do we spot and defend against the spirit of the age: expressive individualism?

- Carl Trueman's advice: Take your church vows seriously.