TIME FOR THE CHURCH TO CHANGE? SUMMER SERIES WITH RCC

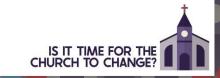
GENDER IDENTITY: CAN THE CHURCH FIND AN APPROPRIATE CONVERSATION THAT BOTH LOVES AND STANDS?

What does a healthy perspective look like?





• How does sexual and gender identity develop?



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- Is change possible?



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- Biblical perspective

Genesis 1:26-27, 31

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Genesis 1:26-27, 31

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them...³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

Biblical Perspective

• God's design is good



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- We live in a broken world



Biblical Perspective

- God's design is good
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- Our identity is found in Jesus



What does a healthy perspective look like?



How does a healthy perspective change how we love?





• What does it look like for me to meet them where they are?



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- How might my interactions be perceived?



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- How might my interactions be perceived?
- How will my interactions affect the relationship going forward?

- **1.** Some questions to ask ourselves...
- 2. Some practical ways to love



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 - Remain in relationship



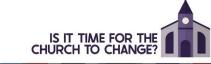
2. Some practical ways to love

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- Use preferred pronouns/names



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- Remember our goal...not to change behavior but rather point to Jesus

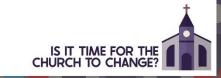




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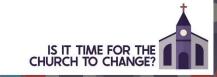
- Be empathetic in our reactions
- Be honest about our own struggles
- Engage in open & honest dialogue



- 1. Create a safe place
- 2. Share a narrative of hope



- 2. Share a narrative of hope
 - Cultural narrative



- 2. Share a narrative of hope
 - Cultural narrative
 - Unhealthy Christian narrative



2. Share a narrative of hope

- Cultural narrative
- Unhealthy Christian narrative
- Narrative of hope

How does a healthy perspective change how we love?

