

Notes from Eden's Redemption Talk:

1. Why Are Our Kids Gender Confused?

a. Is it just a fad? Remember Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 "What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which one can say, "Look! This is something new"? It was here already, long ago; it was here before our time."

b. Isaiah 40:8 "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God stands forever."

c. What do these two verses tell us about the gender and sexual confusion phenomenon? _____

d. Ancient pagan influence – Inanna, same goddess in later cultures Ishtar or Astarte. What does the Bible say about these "goddesses"? _____

e. Where did the pride parade originate? Ancient Rome with the Galli priests. They would castrate themselves and parade down the street, their blood as an offering to Galli.

f. Cultural Influence of Media. What movies between the 1960s and 1990s mocked gender bending? Example: Mrs. Doubtfire

g. What cartoons and/or Disney movies have your kids or grandkids watched that have LGBTQ+ characters? _____

h. What message is Disney famous for (either spoken literally or figuratively through the story) that is the opposite of what Jeremiah 17:9 says? Follow _____

- i. Kids are being introduced to ideas through the schools, books, and much, much, more. We must inoculate them as best we can by teaching them proactively and by answering their questions. Don't be afraid of the conversation.

2. What Are the Underlying Roots of Transgenderism?

- a. Transgenderism is not the root of the problem, it's the fruit of the problem

- b. God created us for the Garden of Eden, but we are exiles

- c. We have tried to give our kids a world that isn't broken by giving them everything they want and making their life as comfortable as possible. According to Ezekiel 16:49-50 this life of ease and comfort has caused them to be _____, _____, and _____. v. 50 says they became _____ and did detestable things. Spoiling the child will not lead to a life of righteousness.

- d. Most in the LGBTQ community have some kind of trauma, but this is not unique to them. For most people this is the normal human experience.

- e. Romans 8:19-21 says that all creation is waiting eagerly for that future day when God will reveal who His children really are. Because of mankind's sin, all of creation is under the curse of sin. But creation will join God's children in glorious freedom from death and decay!!

- f. What does Proverbs 17:9 say about those who build high walls or gates? _____

- g. According to Proverbs 14:30 – A heart at peace gives _____
_____ but envy _____

- h. Galatians 5:19-21 – What are some of the other sins associated with the evil of envy? _____

Take a moment to ask the Lord any areas in your heart where you have envy and ask His forgiveness for this wickedness.

- i. Titus 3:3 – Living in malice and envy causes us to be _____ and to _____ others (or one another).

- j. James 3:14-16 says bitter envy is demonic! Where you find envy and selfish ambition you will find _____ and _____.

- k. Hebrews 12:15-16 (KJV or NKJV) says that bitterness defiles not only ourselves but many others as well. it leads to sexual sin and ultimately profane thinking that may cause someone to throw their faith out the window for what their flesh wants.

- l. Romans 1:20 says that God has revealed Himself to everyone through what He has created. But verse 21 tells us why people suppress the truth. They glorified Him not as God neither _____.

- m. Matthew 5:17-19 – where does evil begin? In the _____.

- n. Matthew 7:1-5 – How does Jesus tell us we can see clearly to remove the speck of sawdust from our brother’s eye? _____

What is a way you can do this before helping someone you see caught in sin?

- o. Psalm 139. Read the passage and write down some truths that you can share with someone who is living in gender confusion or sexual sin. _____

- p. Jeremiah 29:11 - What can you share from this passage with someone to help them see that God loves them and that they were created for a purpose?

- q. 2 Corinthians 5:17 – if anyone is in Christ he is a _____. People in the LGBTQ+ try to make themselves a new creation. This is Satan’s counterfeit rebirth.

- r. Read Isaiah 61. Write some of the promises that God makes that the Messiah will do for the hurting and broken: _____

You can turn this into a simple truth to share. “Johnny, I’m so sorry you have been so hurt by others. Jesus wants you to know how much He loves you. He promises to bind up the brokenhearted and to give you a crown of beauty instead of ashes. He will restore you and redeem the bad things that have happened to you if you will give your life to Him.”

- s. Romans 8:23 promises that not only will the curse of sin be off the earth but we will have new bodies!! The reason people don’t like their bodies is because their bodies are under the curse of sin!

- t. We try so hard to win the world’s approval, but Hebrews 11 gives us a picture of the heroes of the faith. They loved God more than the praise of men. V 38 says that the world was not _____ of them. How does this change your perspective on winning the world’s approval. Also see John 12:43.

- u. Hebrews 11:13-16 - Why does it say that God was not ashamed to be called their God? _____
