



Conversations- Week 2

1824 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Conversations are an essential part of our daily lives. They are a source of entertainment, laughter, information, and joy. Sometimes though, conversations are the source of discomfort. For the next few weeks, we are going to be intentional about having some uncomfortable conversations that give us the opportunity to grow in our faith and love the people around us better.

1. Read [Proverbs 3:5-6](#). How has leaning on your own understanding caused confusion in your life?

What does it look like to “submit to him?”

2. [Read Luke 9:23](#) Danny shared in his message that when we accept a behavior, we are unknowingly accepting the philosophies that produced or allowed that behavior.

How do you feel about this statement? Does it open your eyes to a new perspective?

In the world today, we see a philosophy that preaches complete fluidity and freedom to do whatever **feels** right. But scripture tells us we must deny ourselves (and our feelings) every day in pursuit of the truth of Jesus.

Take a minute to think about the last 3 decisions you have made for yourself. What did you base that decision on, feelings or truth? What happened because of making those decisions?

3. Read [Psalms 139:13-16](#). We are made intentionally in the image of God. That image includes our gender, gifts, interests, and abilities. Over time our culture has created standards and accepted norms for both male and female.

For example, if you are a man, you must love watching sports, be an outdoorsman, have the ability to fix things when they break, and rarely show

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emotion and if you are a woman, you must be sensitive, enjoy fashion, cosmetics, and cooking meals.

What cultural influence have you felt pressured or shamed by related to your gender? How have these cultural standards influenced your experiences socially, your relationship with God spiritually, your confidence, or your identity through life?

4. We are image bearers. Children of God. We are purposefully created and unconditionally loved by God and called to emulate and reproduce that love to others.

For individuals not experiencing gender dysphoria: When you think about interacting with and developing relationships with transgender individuals what challenges or hesitations arise in your mind? How can you intentionally show grace to those who are transgender?

For individuals who are experiencing gender dysphoria: How can you turn to God as the absolute truth on how he created you biologically and in your identity?

ACTION STEP

Where in your life do you need to turn to God for the absolute truth?

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 16| Night of Worship

March 17| 1824

You can find more information on all of these events at eclife.org.