



## THE CHURCH IS AN AMBASSADOR, NOT AN ANTAGONIST

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**Matthew 28:18-20** *Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."*

### THE HEART AND AMBITION OF JESUS

(John 4:4-26)

- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ her thinking.
- Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ Himself to her.

**John 4:28-30** *Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" They came out of the town and made their way toward him."*

### WHO JESUS IS

- Jesus is the rightful authority in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Jesus is the One who lives and speaks within the authority of \_\_\_\_\_.

### WHAT JESUS SAYS ABOUT TRANSGENDERISM

- "Gender Identity" – a term referring to someone's \_\_\_\_\_ of whether they are male or female, or neither.

**Matthew 19:3-6** *And Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, let no one separate."*

- Jesus validates the Genesis account as \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for understanding sexuality.

**Genesis 1-2** *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth... Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being... Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him"... God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them. God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it."*

- God purposefully designed and created us as \_\_\_\_\_ people, with \_\_\_\_\_ of sex, for the \_\_\_\_\_ of procreation, completion, and image bearing.
- Transgenderism: the view that one's gender identity may not necessarily \_\_\_\_\_ one's biological sex.
- Gender Dysphoria: the experience of inner \_\_\_\_\_ from sensing a conflict between one's gender identity and biological sex.

### HOW JESUS LOVES US

**John 4:4** *Now Jesus had to go through Samaria.*

**John 4:39-42** *Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in Jesus because of the woman's testimony... they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers. They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."*

**2 Corinthians 5:14-20** *For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us.*

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