What does the Bible say about gender identity?

Getting to Know You:

• What is your dream vacation and why?

Going Deeper:

- What right does God have to give us our identity? Look up Genesis 1:24-27, Psalm 24:1, Psalm 100:3
 - o What does it look like for us to live out our identity as image bearers of God? o How do we live that out in our maleness and femaleness?
- Discuss how God has made us body, soul and spirit. What does it look like for us to relate to God with body, soul and spirit? See 1 Cor.6:18-20, Lk.1:46-56
- Discuss some of the physical, emotional and spiritual differences between male and female. Why is it good that God made us so different?
- Read Romans 8:19-24. Discuss what sin has done to creation and what God will do for the creation, including our bodies. What is this such good news and hope for everyone, especially someone who is gender dysphoric?
- Our culture suggests there are 72 different genders. As believers why can we not accept the belief that gender is a spectrum and that we can define our own gender? How might you answer someone who does believe this?
- Look up Matt.16:22-24 and discuss what it means to deny ourselves in relation to gender theory.

- How do you feel a Christian should respond to someone who insists you use their preferred pronouns, at work, in a social setting, at school, at church? Use scripture to back up your answer
- How might we stand for truth in a culture that increasingly is hostile to a biblical worldview. Use Matt.5:10-12

Taking it Home:

Memorize Matt.5:10-12 or Matt.11:28