### Real Grapes - 30 September 2016

# DESIGNED BY LOVE (1) GENDER: EQUALITY AND IDENTITY

"...male and female he created them." (Genesis 1:27)

#### **THE REASON FOR OUR SERIES**

Great change

Great confusion

LBGTI

Orientation vs Practice

Great danger

Great need

Great blessing

#### **RULES OF ENGAGEMENT**

Recognize it's close to home *Romans 3:23* 

Speak the truth in love *Ephesians 4:15* 

Maintain an unswerving commitment to the Bible 2 *Timothy 3:16-17* 

Extend a loving welcome to LBGT people

#### **OUR APPROACH**

God's ideal, enduring pre-Fall creational purposes The good foundation of gender

PASSAGE: GENESIS 1:26-31...

#### **TEACHING POINTS**

## 1. Our Gender Confers Equality.

Genesis 1:26-29

Galatians 3:28

## 2. Our Gender Defines Identity.

Genesis 1:27

Mark 10:6

#### 3. Our Gender Is Perfect.

Genesis 1:26-27, 31

# 4. Our Gender Is Purposeful.

Genesis 1:28

# 5. Our Gender Prefigures The Gospel...

Genesis 2:24

*Ephesians 5:31-32* 

#### ...The Only Solution!

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

#### **FUTURE STUDIES**:

Gender And Order

Gender And Sexual Practice

Gender And Responsibility

Gender And Marriage

Gender And The Church