

Bible Summary

Series - Ignorant

Topic - Homosexuality

As Jesus followers we need to care about what Scripture declares is good sex. Although totally unpopular, Scripture is clear that homosexual sex is not good sex but is a sin. **Based on this how do we as followers of Christ live out an unpopular sexual ethic?** We look to Jesus who had the strictest sexual ethic in Scripture and was also the most compassionate person for those who broke it - see the woman at the well in John 4 and the naked woman caught in adultery in John 8.

Scriptures— Genesis 1-2; Leviticus 18:22, 20:10-13; Romans 1:21-27, 2:4; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 5:27-30, 15:19-20, 16:24-5, 23:23

Bible Questions & Application

(These are meant to aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** listed question.)

1. How did Sunday's message challenge your thinking?
2. Why do we as Christians have a tendency to stratify sin?
3. Jesus upheld sexual morals perfectly, yet was the most gracious to those condemned by both society and religious leaders for sexual sin. How can we learn from His example and speak truth and grace?
4. What is the difference between lust and love?
5. What is the Biblical basis for human dignity? How do we know that all people have value to God?
 - a. How should the Biblical truth that all people are image bearers change your attitude and actions towards others?
6. What is the difference between same sex attraction and practicing homosexuality? Why does this distinction matter?
7. Jesus calls us to deny ourselves and follow Him, which is contrary to the contemporary "Me-ist" culture that has permeated the modern church.
 - a. How does this influence our approaches to sexuality and sexual immorality?
 - b. How does our primary motive in life -- ie prioritizing God over self -- affect the way we understand these issues surrounding sexuality, marriage, and immorality?
8. This week how can I better share the ethics of Jesus **and** His love?
9. What do you think of Christopher Yuan's quote, "the opposite of homosexuality/perversion isn't heterosexuality. The opposite of homosexuality/perversion is holiness"?