

You Asked For It...

This week's reading: Genesis 2:18-25, Romans 1:18-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11,
1 Timothy 1:8-11, Matthew 9:9-13, 1 Timothy 1:15-17
Discussion Guide: May 19, 2024

CHECK UP:

Memory work: This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. – 1 Timothy 2:3-4

Did you preach the gospel to yourself this past week? How did you do that?

OPEN:

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
- Why do you think discussions around the topic of LGBTQ+ is such a challenging/loaded/hot discussion?

READ and ASK (objective questions): Genesis 2:18-25; Romans 1:18-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 1 Timothy 1:8-11

- As Christians our goal is to be faithful to God's word. What does God's word teach on the subject of homosexuality?
 - o What is God's intention for human sexuality?
- Have you ever heard any "revisionist" view of some of these texts (or similar texts)? (a revisionist view is a view that seeks to change the meaning of what is clearly taught in a text).
 - o Have you handled or thought about situations where you have been confronted with revisionist views?
- How should we think about this difficult subject when our emotions get in the way or when we have a loved one who identifies as LGBTQ+?

READ and ASK (relational questions): Matthew 9:9-13; 1 Timothy 1:15-17; John 1:14; Luke 19:10

- What does it look like to be both gracious and truthful?
- How was Jesus both truthful and gracious at the same time?
 - o How can we do that?
 - o How is Jesus a model for us on this subject?

- How do you think the church (the broad American church) has handled the subject of LGBTQ+ topics well?
 - o How do you think the church has handled these topics poorly?

- Often times, we (Christians) have cared more about winning an argument than winning people to Christ. How have you seen that?
 - o How should we combat that?
 - o Why is compromising on the biblical position of LGBTQ+ not helpful in winning people to Christ?
 - o Why do we get so defensive sometimes when the world lives like the world? (see 1 Corinthians 5:12-13)

APPLY:

- Do you tend to care more about winning an argument or winning people to Christ?

- Do you tend to error on the side of grace or truth?

- Next step(s): How do you need to conform your mind to the biblical view of sexuality or view those far from Christ as lost people to be found? (See Romans 12:2)

Memory Work:

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

- John 1:14

Next Week's Reading:

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