

PURELATIONSHIPS: God's Truth about Homosexuality – Parts 1 & 2

Sermons # 5-6, Romans 1:18-32 and others

Main Point: Homosexuality is a perversion of God's plan for relationships. The Bible offers clear answers to the most common questions regarding homosexuality.

Getting to Know You

1. In what ways has the cultural climate changed regarding homosexuality in the past few decades?
2. Why do you think this is such a tense subject to talk about? (Note to leader: Pastor Blair mentioned that homosexuality is popular, promoted, and personal.)

Getting Into the Book

3. Read Genesis 1:27-28; Genesis 2:18-24. Based on these scriptures, what are God's blueprints for relationships? (Possible answers: Male-Female marriage, sexual union, and reproduction)
4. Read Romans 1:18-32. What does this passage say are some reasons for the unrighteousness we see in the world today? (Note to leader: there are several, humanity forsook worshipping the Creator and worships creation instead, suppressing the truth about God, etc.) What did God do in response to our idolatry? (see verses 24, 26, 28)
5. Romans 1:26-27 tell us that homosexuality, among other sins, is a result of God's 'passive judgment' (He give us over to the natural consequences of our depravity). What specific words are used to describe homosexuality?
6. Read Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:8-10. How is homosexuality described in these verses? Do you think it is legitimate for people to say "The Bible does not condemn homosexuality"?

Getting Out There

7. How would you respond to a person who says "Gay people are born that way?" (Note to leader: Consider the teaching of Romans 1:21, 24, 26 which tell us our minds, hearts, desires, and passions are corrupted by sin. Also, there is no proof for a 'gay gene.')
8. How should a person who has same sex attraction (or any sin) respond to those desires? See Galatians 5:19, 22-25.
9. Read Romans 1:16-17; 2:4-5; 1 Corinthians 6:11. What hope is there for a person who struggles with homosexuality? (It's really the hope for all of us as sinners!)
10. How should we minister to people we know who live as homosexuals? See Matthew 9:35-36; John 1:14.

Prayer

Ask the Lord to help you have His view of sexual purity for your life. Pray for God to work in the lives of those you know who live as homosexuals. Pray that His "kindness would lead them to repentance" (Romans 2:4).