

LifeGroup Study Sheet

February 27th, 2022 - Cultural Crisis – LGBTQ+

This guide is designed to help in preparing you for your group discussion.

Quick Review

Look back from your sermon notes – Was there anything that particularly challenged you from this sermon? Anything you didn't understand, agree with or connect with?

Introduction

Pastor Jeff shared the generational breakdown of people who have been more accepting of the LGBTQ+ movement. What are your overall thoughts on these breakdowns? Why do you think Generation Z is more accepting of this movement than the Baby Boomer or Generation X categories? Do you think some generations do a better job at addressing this movement? Why or why not?

Digging In

Question 1: There are around 6 passages of Scripture that are regularly considered by those seeking God's perspective on homosexuality.

- Genesis 19:4-13 - The story of Lot and the city of Sodom
- Leviticus 18:22 – Old Testament Law forbidding homosexual behavior
- Leviticus 20:13 – Old Testament Law punishment for homosexual behavior
- Romans 1:24-27 – God giving people over to the lusts of their hearts
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 - The unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God
- 1 Timothy 1:9-11 – the law is for the unjust, the disobedient and immoral.

What did the verses make you think God's view is on homosexuality? Were any of these passages unique in changing your perspective about what God teaches about these things?

Question 2: Read Romans 1:24-27. Pastor Jeff said our goal as Christ-followers is not to simply argue with those who disagree with the biblical view of sexuality. The problem is not simply an intellectual issue, but a heart issue. To put it another way, nobody has ever been argued into a change of heart. What does this passage in Romans talk about when it comes to addressing sin? How does this change your approach to talking with someone who doesn't believe the same things you believe?

Question 3: Read Romans 5:12, John 3:3, 2 Corinthians 5:17. There are arguments when it comes to the topic of homosexuality around "nature vs nurture." Although these arguments are important, and should be discussed – how does the Gospel "level the playing field" when it comes to sin? In other words, if someone is born with a proclivity towards certain sin or that sin is nurtured/learned in someone's life, how do we respond as Christians?

Question 4: Isaiah 5:20, Romans 12:18, John 1:14. The world often wants Christians to support the things they identify with like using preferred pronouns or supporting gay weddings. After hearing Pastor Jeff’s message, and reading **Isaiah 5** and **Romans 12**, what were your thoughts about this topic? Why are some of these things not “black and white” in Scripture? How does this apply with **John 1:14**? Why do you think God gives Christian’s liberties or freedoms to respond uniquely with these situations?

Questions 5: Read 1 John 4:7-9, Ephesians 5:22-32. Pastor Jeff asked the question, “how do Christians respond when culture uses the phrase ‘Love is Love’? The definition of love can only be defined by what it means for God to love. **Verse 9** summarizes this: “the love of God was revealed in us, that *God has sent His only Son into the world* so that we may live through Him.” Pastor Jeff said, “one of the clearest pictures of the Gospel is God giving us marriage!” Discuss that statement.

Discuss these closing thoughts:

1. You can be right by what you say, but wrong in how you say it.
2. We cannot expect non-Christians to live like Christ-followers.
3. Everyone is predisposition to sin, but we still don’t justify the sin.

Praise / Prayer Requests

Pray for your group with these things in mind:

Adoration – How can I praise God for what this teaches me?

Confession – What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

Thanksgiving – How can I thank God for what Jesus has done?

Supplication – What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?