## **Homosexuality**

Recent supreme court decision

What does the Bible say about sex and homosexuality?

Genesis 2:24

God creates man and women
He initiates the bond of marriage and sex
The women is created to be the helpmate of man

So, God's original intent is one man and one woman for life.

Romans 1:26-29

Paul is explaining the hardness of men's hearts toward God
Because we don't want to serve God, God lets us follow our sinful ways
One example is the turnover of the natural, God ordained plan for sex and practicing homosexuality
Paul is using homosexuality because it would have stuck out as wrong even in his secular culture
However, there are lots of other sins their rebellion against God leads them to do

- -This passage says homosexuality is sin. It is rebellion against God and his plan
- -However, it is only a sin and equal with other sins

The problem is it becomes an identity in our culture very easily

Temptation is not sin

To slip up doesn't mean you are lost and that sin has to identify you We all have sins we struggle with and God can bring us deliverance from them

What do we do with if someone is homosexual or tempted with homosexuality?

- -we love them
- -we let God work in them
- -if they are a Christian it may mean confronting them with scripture
- -if they aren't a Christian they need to hear the Gospel

## Small Group

Do you believe the Bible is clear that homosexuality is a sin? (Lev. 18:22; 1 Cor 6:9) How do we deal with sin, not just homosexuality, in our life? How do we help others struggling with sin issues? How should we treat homosexual people we know?

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