



Homosexuality

Ideal
Sin
Redemption

God's ideal for Marriage and Sexuality

Genesis 2:18-25

- Sexual intimacy is designed to happen within the one flesh relationship of a husband and wife
- this is to be a life long bond
- naked and unashamed
- they were able to vulnerable with each other
- they were able to look at the other in purity (not selfish sexual desire)

Matthew 19:3-6

- Jesus refers back to Genesis 2 and says that that is God's ideal

Sin destroys the ideal

Matthew 19:7-9

- Divorce is not a part of God's ideal
- However, it is a reality because of sin
- Because we as humans have hard sinful hearts divorce happens
- God gave Moses some rules to deal with the reality of divorce
- *The answer is not eradication but compassionate guidance in our sinfulness

Romans 1:24-27

- Sin has entered the picture and men reject God
- Because of sin, we are filled with lustful and impure passions
- That includes both lust for the opposite gender and homosexuality
- Anything outside the ideal of marriage is sin
- *Later in that chapter he lists a whole bunch of other sins as well

*Homosexuality is sin (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

- However, it's no different than any other sexual sin
- All sin is equal
- *Both the church and culture have made it more than just a sin

Are people born homosexual?

- Like all sin it starts in our heart and mind as temptation
- Everyone has different areas of temptation they struggle with more than others
- We choose whether or not to give into that temptation
- We choose to make something our identity and lifestyle
- *We need to do better at helping people find an identity in Christ and in the church no matter their struggles or mistakes

Redemption

- Jesus forgives us of all sins when we come to him in faith
- *This doesn't remove all temptaion

1 Corinthians 10:13

- We all struggle with temptation in some way and God wants to help us to overcome the temptation

What should our response be toward homosexuality?

- First, people need Jesus not behavior modification
- We need to love fellow believers and compassionately walk with them as they struggle with

temptations and sins because we are all struggling with something

*this doesn't mean we excuse sin but we don't beat others up for it either

*We should have extra compassion toward those who struggle with homosexuality

-They have probably felt a lot of hurt from the church

-They may not have a lot of people that completely empathize with what they are going through

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