

Healthy Relationships
Wk 3
Same Sex Relationships

Purpose: Students to understand the standard that God expects in same sex relationships

Passage (s): Gen. 1:26-27, 2:7, 18-24, Rom. 1:20-32, 1 Cor. 6:9-11

Topic: What God expects from his creation

Ricks Devotional: In case you haven't noticed, much of our culture is saturated with homosexuality. In some schools and cultures, it is taught as an "alternative" life style and a way in which people are born. Scripture strongly disagrees with this and if you were to dig deeper you would see that much of the findings to prove those view are faulty. The goal of this lesson is not to condemn, but rather to point people to what scripture says and the standard it holds. With the large and diverse group of students we serve it's important that we do not judge or condemn people but rather the sin. I want to walk gingerly in this area, but I also want to make clear what scripture says. So please pray accordingly.

That being said, scripture clearly states that a homosexual lifestyle is a sinful lifestyle. Many times we take that one sin and we isolate and make it worse than others, but if you were to look at the passage in 1 Cor. You would see that it's one of many that is listed. The best part of that passage is in verse 11 where Paul states, "**And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God**". We hear of sin's like this and we automatically think that there's little to no hope of being healed and/or restored. But scripture says just the opposite. That's why it's so important to love the sinner and hate the sin, until the sinner refuses to walk away from the sin.

Three things:

- Genesis shows us the way in which God intended for us to live, man was made for woman and woman for man. The needs that each has can only be found in each other.
- Romans shows us that the homosexuality is a result of a depraved mind, one that has rebelled against God.
- 1 Cor shows us that homosexuality is a sin, (just like many others) which we can be free from.

Again guys, I understand that this is a touchy topic, especially with the diverse group of students we have, but I also believe it's one that needs to be addressed and plan to walk as gingerly as I can on the issue.

Small Group:

Option A;

1. What do you think are some of the reasons people can fall into the trap of homosexuality?
2. What sorts of things can we as Christians do to prevent and or resolve those issues.

Option B:

1. Why are we so quick to judge those sins which do not apply to us?
2. Why do you think we are so quick to forget and/or overlook sins which apply to us, but then condemn others and there sin, without putting ourselves in there shoes?
3. Check out MT. 7:1-5 and make a connection between the issue of judging others and the passage.