

YOU ASKED FOR IT:

- A sermon series to address your questions
- An introduction in learning how to find answers
- An invitation to being changed and maturing in your faith

WEEK 4: HOW WOULD JESUS INTERACT WITH THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY

- This is a polarizing conversation - a difficult, yet necessary one
- Not a political issue, but an identity and morality issue that has become a political
- Why are we talking about this specifically? Because you asked for it.

What does the Bible say about gender and sexuality?

- Humanity was created in the image of God – ordered
- Humanity was created male and female – distinctly separated to be reunited to be fruitful
- Marriage is to be between a man and a woman

Genesis 1:27&28 (ESV) - So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. 28And God blessed them. And God said to them, 7“Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 2:24&25 (ESV) - Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

- Sex (yada – to know) is to be experienced in the context of marriage – (Genesis 4:1, Proverbs 5:15-20)
- God’s design is without shame

Definitions:

Iniquity: behavior that is crooked

Transgression: breaking trust

Sin: (H) Khata (G) Hamartia - to fail or miss the goal/mark (knowingly or unknowingly)

- What’s the goal/mark? God’s truth commanded - Love God & Love Others – 10 commandments – 5/5

Sin is the failure to love God and others. Jesus perfectly loved God and others – “he was without sin”

Genesis 4:7 (NIV) – “If you **do what is right**, will you not be accepted? But if you do not **do what is right**, **sin** is crouching at your door; it **desires** to have you, **but you must rule over it.**”

James 1:14-14 (ESV) - But each person is **tempted** when he is lured and enticed by his own **desire**. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to **sin**, and **sin** when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Romans 3:23 (ESV) - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Sin is anything that misses the mark according to the truth in God’s Word

Is practicing homosexuality, bi-sexuality and transgenderism a sin?... does it miss the mark? Yes.
(Leviticus 18:20-23, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 1 Timothy 1:8-11, Romans 1:25-32)

Why? Because of what it is, but also what it isn’t.

- Practicing vs. Struggling
- Same sex-attraction

Now what? How do we engage with this reality? What would Jesus do?

- **Live out and display truth via love. What is loving?**

Condemnation - “to pronounce to be guilty, to sentence to punishment, or to pass judgment against.

Affirmation - the act of affirming, the assertion that something exists or is true.

Exhortation - to plead or urge by a strong appeal, admonition, or advice.

- **It starts with me - (Matthew 7:1-4, Galatians 5:19-21)**
- **Everyone struggles**
- **Humility**

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (ESV) - Or do you not know that the **unrighteous** will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. 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.

Who is it?

- **Believers and Non-believers**

1 Corinthians 5:9-11 (ESV) - 9I wrote to you in my letter [2 Cor. 6:14; Eph. 5:11; 2 Thess. 3:6, 14] not to associate with sexually immoral people— 10not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. 11But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

- **Parents & Children**
- **Celebration, Abdication and Situation**

PERSONAL & SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

- What stood out to you most from this message?
- How does this topic relate to you personally or someone close to you?
- What is a next step you can take to grow in the application of truth in this area?