



HOT POTATOES

#5: Is Gay Marriage A Step In The Right Direction?

Introduction – The Truth About “Us” & “Them”

Romans 3:23-24

There is no _____.

The Bible On Homosexual Practice

1. Sodom's sin Genesis 19:1-13; Jude 7
2. Levitical Law Leviticus 18:22; 20:13
3. Paul's explanation Romans 1:18-32
4. Paul's sin lists 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:8-11

What About Gay/Lesbian Marriage?

Homosexual marriage is a biblical _____.

Matthew 19:1-12



Jesus says marriage is what _____, not the _____, defines it to be.

But, But, But...

- *But I was born this way...* Matthew 19:12; Psalm 51:5
- *But if we love each other, isn't that all that counts?...*

Love is choice to lead someone toward what is _____ for them.

1 John 5:2

- *But who are you to say this – you're married!...*

Marriage, like all good things from God, is a _____, not a _____.

Matthew 16:24-26
Romans 12:1-2

Conclusion – Becoming A Product Of Your Future

Philippians 3:13-14
1 Corinthians 6:9-11
2 Corinthians 5:17

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After reviewing your sermon notes, talk about one thing from Sunday's message that was most encouraging, challenging, or perplexing to you.
2. A Christian friend of yours confesses to you that he/she is homosexual...
 - a) What do you think would be your initial reaction and response?
 - b) What counsel would you give them if they said that they believed God made them this way and planned to live a gay/lesbian lifestyle (in a loving, committed, and monogamous relationship, of course)?
 - c) How would you modify your answers, if at all, to "a" & "b" above if your friend was not a professing Christian?

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. What lessons does the Church today need to learn from Matthew 7:1-6 regarding our relationship with people who struggle with their sexual orientation and practice?
4. Launch an investigation... What is the sin that got Sodom and Gomorrah in trouble with God? See Genesis 19:1-13; Judges 19:22-30; Jeremiah 23:14; Ezekiel 16:49-50; 2 Peter 2:6-10; Jude 7. How is this knowledge relevant to our discussions with people today about sin and judgement?
 - a) Read Romans 1:18-2:1.
 - b) What, for you, is the most important point of this passage?
 - c) In what ways can 'getting what you want' be a curse rather than a blessing?
 - d) Do you think people need the Bible to understand that homosexual behaviour is unnatural? (See 2:13-16.)
 - e) Re-read 1:29-31 slowly. How intensely do you see yourself in this list?
5. How does 1:16-17 give hope to us sinners?

SO WHAT?...

6. Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11. What WERE you before God's grace transformed your being from a sinner into a saint? How does your lifestyle today try to resurrect the old you? Think about it quietly, then close in thankful prayer.

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