



Part 5: Hot Topic – LGBTQ+ (Homosexuality)

Text: Romans 1:26-27

1. While Christians do not agree with everyone in society, why is it important that we love everyone? _____

a. How can we show love in how we discuss this topic in our community group? _____

2. Why do you think homosexuality is considered to be a hot political topic? _____

3. Read **Romans 1:18-25**. What were the general behaviors of those who “knew God” but “did not honor him as God...”? _____

4. Read **Romans 1:26-27**. What were the specific behaviors of those exchanging “the truth about God for a lie” and worshipping and serving “the creature rather than the Creator”? _____

a. **Romans 1:26** calls their passions dishonorable. Why would God consider these actions dishonorable? _____

b. Why would same sex attraction/relations be considered unnatural to God? _____

c. What is God’s natural design for marriage? _____

5. When we reject worshipping God (sin), the most natural thing to do is engage in what is unnatural. Why is it so important to understand this as we think about our own sin? _____

a. Why is it important to see homosexuality in this light? _____

6. Scripture never affirms homosexuality (**Leviticus 18:22, 1 Timothy 1:9-10, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10**). It is always considered unnatural and a sinful distortion of God's original design for us. Why does our current culture have such a different view? _____

a. Processing this biblically, in our fallen, sinful state we are ALL born prone toward certain sins more than others. How might this help us to view those in homosexuality with compassion? _____

b. In addition to being born prone to sin, sometimes our experiences in life can bring pain and mistrust, which could encourage us to reject God's natural design/intention and choose sinful unnatural actions. Why is it important to see ourselves and others in this light? _____

c. The gospel saves us from our sinful, unnatural actions and restores us to His original design (natural). With the hope of the gospel, who can you pray for today that is in the homosexual lifestyle? _____

7. Over the last 10 years or so, there has been a massive gay agenda launched to normalize homosexuality. It has impacted almost all aspects of society. How has this impacted God's three institutions; The Government, The Church, and The Home? _____

8. As Christians, we are exiles/pilgrims/foreigners here. We should all agree that homosexuality is sinful, that we are to love the LGBTQ+ community, pray for their souls, and make our church a welcoming place for all to hear about the transforming love of Jesus. In this light, discuss with the group the best ways Christians should think about our own convictions and how we respond to this hot topic? _____