

Discover

LGBTQIAPK—review

8% report being gay, lesbian or bisexual as many as 2% report being transgender

“embracing equality is not just an expectation for iGen; it’s a requirement”

Religion has a minor influence on their thoughts: 1/3 have some issues with same-sex, ¼ have problems with same-sex marriage.

“it makes me sad when Christians condemn other people for who they are”

“God didn’t say they are sinful for being gay—their choice is more acting upon it”

Number of women who have had a sexual encounter with another woman has tripled since 1990 (1/7).

Bisexuality up from 3% to 11% (1990 to 2016)

“it doesn’t affect me.”

STEPS:

Same-Sex Attraction: experience of attraction

Homosexual Orientation: prolonged feelings and isolation of attraction to one sex

Gay Identity: taking on a script and identifying with a particular community and lifestyle

General attitude that you were born the way you are—this philosophy is not sure what to do with the transgender thing: teens are less accepting of transgender than homosexuality.

- Same sex attraction signals a naturally occurring distinction between heterosexuality and homosexuality
- Same-sex attraction helps you to know who you really are (discovery)
- Same-sex attraction is the core of who you are as a person
- Same-sex behavior is an extension of that core
- Self-actualization of your sexual identity is crucial for your fulfillment

Gay teens are more likely to have sex, to have multiple partners, to contract STIs, to engage in risky behaviors and to use alcohol and illicit drugs. Their depression and anxiety numbers are higher and they are far more likely to commit suicide.

Of the students who identify as transgender nearly 35% have attempted suicide, more than 50% will attempt by the end of their lives. Even in the most accepting areas of the country and in other countries known to be highly liberal the numbers are the same.

62% of the transgender respondents are either have problems with their family members, or they do not have any contact with their family members hence, they are living away from their families; they left their families because of ill-treatment, being not accepted as transgender persons and being felt embarrassed to live in the community;

56% of them have discontinued their education at either primary level or secondary level; majority of the transgender persons have opt sex industry and begging for their survival; 54% of them have the habit of consuming alcohol

Gender Dysphoria and Transgender

Sex VS Gender

Sex=the bits you were born with

Gender=the social construction of manliness or womanliness

TRANSGENDER: someone who identifies with the social construct for the opposite gender

TRANSSEXUAL: a person who has had an operation to change their sex

BINARY vs. SPECTRUM: meaning one or the other vs a wide range of possibilities

Or a THIRD OPTION

Discern

Ephesians 6:12 WHO ARE WE FIGHTING??? –the LGBTQ community is not the enemy but the treasure that God is seeking in this war.

The BEE Swarm

I do not care about legislature, I don't care about changing the perspectives of America, I care about winning souls for Jesus. We view members of the LGBTQ community as a force that is moving instead of individual people who all need Jesus.

God's plan for humankind was that we would bear his image by continuing creation and ruling over that creation as his vice regents and growing in his likeness. Anything that violates that plan is outside of what God's desire is for our lives and is by definition sin.

The only way out of sin is for Jesus Christ to be our savior: he died on the cross taking the punishment of our sin and credited to us his righteousness. He took our sins to the grave and was raised from the dead as the first fruits of the resurrection still to come.

Gender Dysphoria: in the beginning God made male and female Genesis 1:27. I believe that every other passage that speaks about male and female relationships is speaking about the marriage relationship. First God said this is male and female (gave space for interpretation), we constructed boxes and put things in them. Then we removed God. Then people realized they liked the stuff in the other box better.

SCRIPTS: We are just as guilty—we observe someone being a certain way and label them with something and imply roles, attitude and habits.

The first question, is Homosexuality or any expression of sexuality outside of God's intention for marriage a sin: Romans 1:26-27, Matthew 5:27-30,

OUR AFFECTIONS, like our physical bodies and minds have been distorted and twisted by sin. Attraction itself was created by God and as it has been distorted it does not function as it was meant to. But to suggest that someone should control their attractions is the same as suggesting that someone should stop feeling sad or worried. Being depressed is not a sin, denying the existence of God in my desperation is, feeling anxious is not a sin, pushing everyone away by shouting mean, awful things during a panic attack is. Feeling an attraction for towards any person who is not my wife is not a sin: choosing to act, imaging myself with them, engaging with them physically or attaching to them emotionally is.

1 Cor 6:9-11, 1 Tim 1:8-11

Why do Evangelical Christians isolate LGBTQ as worse than other sinners? We might argue that they have taken a sin and made it the core of their identity... how is that different from anyone else in the entirety of the world? Because they push their agenda or sin on us... again, how is that different from ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD who does not know Christ as savior?

Matthew 22:23-33, Mark 12:24-27—marriage in the resurrection: the Kingdom of God is my hermeneutic, I interpret the rest of scripture based on the way that God describes the coming kingdom as the way that I should live. I struggle with knowing how to approach minority sexual identities because what scripture tells us is that in the kingdom there is no sexuality. So, the greater issue is in reaching LGBTQIAPK is NOT the acts that they commit or the attractions that they feel but their identity as LGBTQIAPK above all other definitions of self. For those who are in the kingdom, I am first and foremost a child of God.

What God wants for us in this life is to continue the act of creation (spanning far beyond child rearing to any act which betters creation and gives life), care for the world and to grow in godliness. Anyone who finds their identity in Jesus will pursue these things.

Leviticus 20:10-21

In the law anyone put to death is a threat to the health and prosperity of the Theocracy. Today we do put these sins to death in our own heart: Christ's reign is not yet an earthly reign therefore his reign in our hearts leads us to put sin to death in our hearts.

Decide

RESPONDING TO THE SCRIPT

- Same-sex attraction does not signal a categorical difference between people
- Same-sex attraction might be part of your experience but it is not a defining element in your identity
- You can choose to integrate the experiences of attraction to the same sex into a gay identity OR
- You can choose to center your identity around other aspects of your experience (e.g. biological sex, gender identity)—we want people to be straight OR

- Most compelling, you can choose to center your identity around the person and work of Jesus Christ and make the central and defining characteristic of your life being a follower of Jesus.

1. put to death the sin in our own hearts
2. Be willing to remove the gender boxes and allow children to express themselves in ways that might not be stereotypical for their gender without enforcing scripts.
3. see the bees for the swarm and realize that we are not fighting a battle against flesh and blood but against evil a war that is won with the love of Christ