

LIFEGROUP MATERIAL | WEEK OF MAY 16th "Can a person be LGBTQ+ and be a Christian?"

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

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, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 John 3:6-9

6 No one who abides in him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen him or known him. 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as he is righteous. 8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. 9 No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God.

Romans 1:24-27

24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. 26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

1 Corinthians 6:11

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. If you **practice** sin, you cannot be **pursuing** Christ.

Just because we are **bent** toward a sin, doesn't mean we have **license** to **engage** in that sin.

God is not the **originator** of the **sin** in your life, but He is the **solution** to the **sin** in your life.

The church's responsibility is not to point out an unbeliever's **sin**, it's to point them to the **Savior**.

Stop identifying people with their **sin** and start seeing them as a **soul**.

LIFEGROUP CONVERSATION

- Yay, Nay, Yahweh: In the past week, talk about what went really well for you (Yay), something that didn't go so well (Nay), and how you have seen God in your life (Yahweh).
- 2. In what ways have you seen the topic of homosexuality become popular in entertainment, education, and politics?
- 3. What makes homosexuality a sin according to God?
- 4. Timothy Keller wrote: "The more you see your own flaws and sins the more precious, electrifying, and amazing God's grace appears to you." In what ways does recognizing your own sin help show more grace to everyone made in the image of God?
- 5. What are some practical ways that the church (you included) can demonstrate grace and truth to people who are in sin?