

LGBTQ+ and the Church Discussion Questions

1. In Matthew 7:1, Jesus tells us not to judge others. What is the difference between making a moral distinction and passing condemnation on someone? What are some examples of how we might balance these distinctions?
2. Is there anyone in your life that deals with an LGBTQ lifestyle? If you are comfortable (and disguise names if you need), share with the group the stories or challenges you have faced involving those persons.
3. How should we treat people who struggle with an unnatural gender identity? What are some ways that you can befriend and accept them?
4. C.S. Lewis said that sexual ethics is not the center of the Christian message. What did he say was the center of Christian ethics and why is this important? (See the last point in the sermon notes if you need the answer).
5. In Romans 5:12-21, we see a contrast between Adam and Jesus. Because of one man's sin (Adam), *condemnation* was brought to *all*. Because of one man's obedience (Jesus), *justification* has been given to *all*. What does this passage teach us about equality on both sides of the cross?
6. Pray what the Lord puts on your heart in light of this study.