

THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

PART II

INTO THE BIBLE

“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”

Romans 3:23-24 NIV

“Then God said, ‘Let us make human beings in our image, to be like us. They will reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, the livestock, all the wild animals on the earth, and the small animals that scurry along the ground.’ So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them and said, ‘Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it. Reign over the fish in the sea, the birds in the sky, and all the animals that scurry along the ground.’”

Genesis 1:26-28 NLT

“‘At last!’ the man exclaimed. This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called woman because she was taken from man.’ This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.”

Genesis 2:23-25 NLT

“ So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other’s bodies. They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved.”

Romans 1:24-27 NLT

“The central truth - the one you have heard from the beginning of your faith - is that we must love one another.”

1 John 3:11 The VOICE



SERMON TAKEAWAYS

- 1. We Will Not Be Cruel**
- 2. We Will Be Compassionate**
- 3. We Will Address Confusion**
- 4. We Will Stand On Conviction**

God's Desire - Abundant Life & Human Flourishing

God's Design - Friendship, Marriage & Family

Where Do We Go From Here?

- 1. Submit Our Hearts To Jesus**
- 2. Continue The Conversation In Community**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. How has the message from Sunday impacted you? Also, share your greatest takeaway.*
- 2. For a long time the Church has seemed to avoid conversations about homosexuality. Why do you believe that is the case?*
- 3. What are some ways we can show love the love of Christ to the LGBTQ+ community?*
- 4. Historically, how have you treated people with whom you agree? How have you treated people with whom you disagree?*
- 5. Pastor Matt challenged the adage of 'love the sinner and hate the sin' with 'love the sinner and hate my own sin.' How does this self-examination impact you and those around you?*
- 6. What challenges do you face when loving and caring for someone with whom you disagree? Why is it difficult for us to love people that aren't like us? (Read 1 John 3:11).*



PRAYER FOCUS

This week, pray that God would give you the courage to communicate the truth WITH love. Ask God to give you a renewed compassion for everyone! Pray that God would reveal to you people you may need to ask forgiveness from.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WEEKENDER!!! - Feb 28-29 @ the Mocksville Campus

Have you ever wondered why you were created? The Weekender is the place for you. Are you looking for ways to connect with the church? The Weekender is the place for you! This is a FREE event but space is LIMITED so sign up on the app or online today!