

## PART 7

# JESUS FOLLOWERS AND SEXUALITY/GENDER

## THE FORGE

### Jesus Followers' Beliefs and Behaviors towards Sexual Immorality

(Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:18-25, Leviticus 18, Leviticus 20, Matthew 19, 1 Corinthians 7, Romans 1 and 2)

Notes:

### Responding to Sexuality and Gender as a Jesus Follower

(Luke Chapter 15)

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### Discussion Questions:

1. If sin is not ranked (see week 5), why does the "Christian Church" generally rank homosexuality higher than others?
2. Are there beliefs or behaviors you currently have that may be preventing the LGBTQ community from accessing Jesus?
3. What tangible steps might you take to begin reconciling the relationship between Jesus Followers and the LGBTQ community?

### Personal Reflection

For Jesus followers, balancing Grace and Truth is a constant challenge. A challenge Christians typically have missed the mark on, driving many further away from the Love of Christ. So, how do we, as Jesus followers, change this trajectory? Reflect on the following questions and prayerfully seek how Jesus is asking you to respond:

- Do I rank homosexuality above other sins? What can I do to reconcile this?
- Do I need to learn more about what scripture says about sexual sin?
- Do my behaviors (direct or indirect) show Christ's love to the LGBTQ community?
- Am I willing to follow Jesus into the LGBTQ community? If so, then how?

Resource

[www.centerforfaith.com/resources](http://www.centerforfaith.com/resources)

RightNow Media- Grace/Truth and Grace/Truth 2.0

### Prayer

"Jesus, thank you for your Truth and thank you for your Grace. Help me walk ever so close to you as I navigate the rough waters of gender and sexuality. Help me to see all people as you see them. Help me to follow you into a community that desperately needs your Love and the Freedom you offer. Jesus, call me into Relationship so that others might experience your Holiness. Amen."

