



GROWTH GROUP SERMON CURRICULUM

Flourish | September 29, 2019 | Romans 1:18-32

“...They exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator...” —Rom 1:25

FROM THE TEXT

- Read Leviticus 18:19-30, Matthew 19:4-6,9, Romans 1:18-32, and Titus 3:1-7.
- Summarize the above passages into a couple sentences. How would you biblically describe sexuality to a non-believer, or a new convert? Try to highlight the following: God’s Holy standard for sexuality; How everyone has violated His standard; and How the transforming power of the Gospel washes us clean.

FROM THE SERMON

- What was something new that you did not know or had not thought of from this weeks sermon? What challenged you or convicted you?
- Pastor Chris mentioned some basic ways that every faithful church can support those who struggle with same-sex attraction including: Honoring singleness; Dealing with biblical models of masculinity and femininity, rather than cultural stereotypes; Making it easy to talk about; and remembering that church is family. Which of these do we do well as a church? Which of these can we do better? How can we help lead in the way we need to grow?

FOR YOUR LIFE | APPLICATION | ACCOUNTABILITY

- The end of the sermon listed 6 responses that our church family should display regarding the subject of Homosexuality. 1) if we are speaking to cultural elites who despise our beliefs and us, we will be bold and courageous. 2) if we are speaking to those who struggle with same-sex attraction, we will be loving, gentle, patient and empathetic. 3) if we are speaking to sufferers who have been mistreated by the church, we will be apologetic and humble. 4) if we are speaking to shaky Christians who seem ready to compromise the faith for our culture’s approval, we will be persuasive and persistent. 5) if we are speaking to those who are living as the Scriptures would not have them live, we will be straightforward and earnest by speaking the truth in love. 6) if we are speaking to belligerent Christians who hate or fear persons who identify as gay or lesbian, we will be clear and corrective.
- Which of these responses hits closest to home for you? Which of them are you currently encountering or anticipate in the future?

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray to God for any personal situations, relationships or ministry opportunities discussed above.