

Discussion Questions

1. Phil said, "How we say what we say is just as important as what we say." Read Ephesians 4:15. Why is our tone so important as we discuss these "lightning-rod" issues in this Salt Life series?
2. Phil said that Christians--and especially students--need a "coherent, compassionate set of biblical answers" to the issues in the Salt Life series. What often happens when we do not have those kinds of answers?
3. The Bible has a lot to say about sexuality, gender, and identity. When reading and applying what the Bible says, why is it ultimately a matter of trust? Phil said, "Either we're going to trust God's design for sexuality, gender, and identity, or we're going to believe that everything in Scripture is subject to our own feelings and experiences."
4. Read John 1:17. Phil said that each of us has two "volume dials" (grace and truth). Why is it important to have both turned up equally? What happens when the grace dial is turned up louder than the truth dial? What happens when the truth dial is turned up louder than the grace dial?
5. Talk about the relationship between the Lordship of Jesus and sexual morality. Which comes first in the Christian life? Why did C. S. Lewis encourage people to "punt" the issue of sexual ethics until they figure out who Jesus is?
6. Why is hospitality such a powerful means to building bridges and ultimately sharing Jesus with members of the LGBT+ community?