

Thinking Outside: Panel Discussion

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What the Bible Says and Doesn't Say About Homosexuality

Knowing the Gospel...

1. Considering God's created design for man and woman (in Genesis 1:26-28 and 2:20-24) what implications does it have for the whole discussion of sexual purity?
2. Discuss the importance of the authority of Scripture when it comes to issues of morality in our lives. How and when do we show that Scripture is our absolute authority? How and when do we show that it is not? See 2 Tim. 3:14-17, 2 Pet. 1:20-21.
3. Respond to this statement: "If you are a person of Biblical conviction you are probably an intolerant person." Agree? Why? Disagree? Why? Would our culture agree with this statement?

Living the Gospel...

4. Read Matthew 9:10-17. What did the pharisees' question to the disciples reveal about their opinion of the people Jesus ate with? What did it reveal of their opinion of Jesus? What did it reveal about their opinion of themselves?
5. Read Luke 18:9-14. Who did Jesus tell this parable to? (v.9). How has the Christian church sometimes played the part of the Pharisee in this parable? How can we protect ourselves from the attitude of the Pharisee in this passage?

6. Scripture teaches that ultimate fulfillment is found in finding our identity in Christ. What does that mean? Why is that true? (2 Cor. 5:16-21, Phil. 3:8-10, Jn. 1:12, Eph. 1:5, Rom. 6:6, Gen. 1:27, 1 Pet.2:9, 1 Jn. 3:1-2, Col. 3:1-3)

Telling the Gospel...

7. How can we best show the love of Christ to those struggling with sexual sin?

Next Week: Sermon will be on baptism next week with a number of baptisms in the services.