

CAUGHT IN THE CURRENT

LGBTQ+ – Responding to the Pressure to Approve

Mark Pope

September 29/30, 2018

1. Do you know anyone who struggles with same-sex attraction? Describe your current interactions with them.
2. Pastor Mark said that it's important to listen to the first few chapters of someone's life and not just the current one when they are struggling with a sin because it can help give insight into what caused it. Have you ever rushed to judgment on the actions of someone only to have your heart change once you knew their story? If so, how has that experience changed your perspective on others?
3. How can you prioritize compassion towards others without compromising truth?
4. Have you noticed a decrease in shame in our culture? What factors do you believe have played into our lack of shame? According to Jeremiah 8:12, what is the consequence of our lack of shame?
5. In the authentic Christian life, there will be points of shame that serve to convict us. Is there an activity in your life of which you should be ashamed? What should you do to take care of it? Tell about how you felt when you experienced victory in overcoming something shameful.
6. We need to love well but be strong enough to hold each other to God's standard for our lives. When was the last time you lovingly corrected someone? Do you find the "lovingly" part hardest or the "correcting" part? Is there someone now with whom you should hold such a conversation?
7. What remaining questions did you have after the service? Discuss them.
8. The sinful struggles in anyone's life didn't develop without a group effort. What is one way that you can form a group effort to create something good in someone's life?