

Church and Culture "Broken Sexuality"

Two Foundation Principles

1. There is nothing new under the sun.
2. We are going to work from a biblical worldview.

Broken Sexuality

Culture's Creed: "Love is Love"

Scripture's Creed: "God is Love"

Overarching Principle: God takes ALL sexual immorality very seriously in ALL circumstances.

The Standard:

Genesis 1: 26-28, Genesis 2:24

Observations:

- A. God created man and woman to be intimate before sin entered the world.
- B. God created man and woman biologically for their parts to fit together.
- C. (Same as last week) the Creator of sexual expression is the only one that has the right to define and set the boundaries for that which is right or wrong in this area.
- D. The Boundaries
 - a. One Man(biological), One Woman(biological) in a marriage relationship = one flesh (this term one-flesh is a sexual fulfillment term- only two persons of the opposite sex can fulfill this.)

This means: any other sexual expression is wrong and sinful.

Cultural Hot Button

1. Homosexuality
 - a. Leviticus 18:22-24
 - b. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
 - c. 1 Timothy 1:8-11
 - d. What do I do with my feelings if I have same-sex attraction?
2. Heterosexual sin
 - a. There are at least 8 lists in the New Testament that characterizes those who will not inherit the kingdom of heaven. In the book of Mark, Romans 1, 1 Corinthians 6, Galatians 5, Colossians 4, 1 Timothy 1, and Revelation 21.
3. Polyamorous relationships

Final Lessons:

1. The definition of marriage matters.
2. We are all sexually broken.
3. Marriage is not the solution to sexual brokenness.
4. Jesus is the solution: We need to repent.

God's will for our lives:

1. Run from it-1 Corinthians 6:18-20
2. It shouldn't even be named among us-Ephesians 5:3
3. Exercise Self-Control-1 Thessalonians 4:3-5
4. Put it to death- Colossians 3:5

Final Exhortation

1 Peter 2:9-10

Questions for individual Bible Study and or Group Discussion

1. What is the difference between cultures creed: "Love is Love" vs. Scripture's creed: "God is love"?
2. What is true love? What are the characteristics of true love? How do you define it Biblically?
3. God takes ALL sexual immorality very seriously in ALL circumstances. Why do we sometimes pick on just a few?
4. God's standard for sexual intimacy is what? Read Genesis 1:26-28, Genesis 2:24, and Matthew 19:4-5
5. Read Leviticus 18:22-24, 1 Corinthians 6:9-19, 1 Timothy 1:8-11, and Romans 1. What do we learn about homosexual behavior in these verses? It's easy to see that it's wrong, but how do you handle someone you may know who deals with this sin? If you are dealing with this sin- would you be transparent enough to share so a community of faith can come around and support you?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 6:18-20, Hebrews 13:4, and Matthew 2:5. What do you learn about sexual immorality in these verses?
7. Read Acts 17:30-31. Jesus paid for all of our sin. According to these verses, what is our responsibility? What does it mean to repent?
8. If you are a Christ follower read about God's will for our lives on this topic: 1 Corinthians 6:18-20, Ephesians 5:3, 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5, and Colossians 3:5. What do you learn about God's will in these verses?
9. Why are we to pursue holiness? Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. What do you observe?
10. What are some applications you will make in your life?