

GOD I HAVE QUESTIONS

GOD, WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT OUR SEXUALITY?

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Open in prayer.

1. Discuss the following lenses we can use as we look at sexuality (or any other topic).
 - a. Biblical lens What does the Bible have to say about it?
 - b. Historical lens Have we seen this happen any other time through history?
 - c. Cultural lens What does the culture say about it?
2. How does TC being “Christ-centered and Biblically-based” affect the way we look at everything in life?
3. Sexuality: created by God.
 - a. Read and discuss Genesis 1:28 and Ephesians 5:31-32.
 - b. Discuss the two reasons (procreation and intimacy) God created sexuality for a man and a woman who come together in marriage.
4. Sexuality: distorted by sin.
 - a. Read and discuss Romans 1:26-27 and Romans 5:12-13.
 - Why are these two passages difficult for people in today’s culture to accept?
 - How does our culture define sin today?
 - b. If we hold to the truth that any sexual activity outside of the relationship of a husband and wife is sin, how does that change our perspective on our sexuality?
 - c. How do we practically love others who believe different from us without condoning or condemning them or compromising God’s truth?
 - d. Discuss the difference between our cultural lens that says “love overcomes hate” and our biblical lens that says “love overcomes hate.”
5. Sexuality: redeemed and restored through Christ.
 - a. Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Romans 8:1-2 and 2 Corinthians 5:17 in the context of our sexuality.
 - b. Discuss the statement, “We are all created in the image of God. However, this image of God, given in creation, was damaged in the fall, but may be restored through Jesus Christ.”
 - c. Discuss the statement, “Change isn’t the absence of struggles; change is the freedom to choose holiness in the midst of our struggles.”
 - d. Why is it important for us to be defined by Christ and not by our sexuality, status in life, failures, successes, and what we have or don’t have?
6. Closing prayer.

Read the following two statements as part of your closing prayer.

Father, because people matter to You, they matter to us...and therefore we will value every human being. We know every person is deserving of compassion, love, kindness, respect and dignity, regardless of his or her lifestyle. Thank You for Your vision—The Great Commandment and the Great Commission—that keeps us from bigotry, bullying, or hate.

Jesus, we know You don’t call us to be tolerant but to be loving. You don’t tell us that You love some people and tolerate the rest. Help us to be expressions of Your never-changing truth, overwhelming love, and scandalous grace as we love others with Your upward, inward, outward love. In Jesus’ name. Amen.