

Theology of Sex+ Week 4

Homosexuality Part 1

Memory Verse:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

1) CATCH UP ON LIFE

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. Because God is our Father we are family. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we are praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus working in the last week (shaping you to be more like Himself or working in the lives of those that He's put around you)?

What (if any) big life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)? Are there any practical needs you have right now?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

2) REVIEW THE MISSION

Through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit we have been sent as missionaries in everyday life to display God's glory and lead others to repentance and faith through belief in the gospel. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

We have friends, family, neighbors, coworkers, etc. in our lives that do not have saving faith in Jesus. This means, they are walking a path towards eternal punishment in hell. This should move our hearts and give us a sense of urgency to be missional. **Take a few minutes to pray for this reality to result in action in our lives.**

3) CARE NIGHT

We are called to bear one another's burdens and to walk in the light together, and that is what we are going to focus on this evening. Break up into gender-based groups and use these questions to guide you. Make sure your group members go back and listen to the sermon if they have not by group meeting time. Remember also to encourage one another to give good news before good advice. (Galatians 6:1-5, James 5:16, 1 John 1:5-10)

*9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such **were** some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

All of us have sinned and do not deserve to inherit the kingdom of God. It is by God's grace that we are not defined by our sin but are called sons and daughters of God. If you are a Christian, you **were** defined by those sins, but are no longer, even if we still struggle with sin. Tonight, we get to confess our sins to one another as we confess our Savior and the good news of who we **are** now.