



Over the last few weeks, the congregation submitted questions for Pastor Tim to answer as he wraps up his current message series, "Answers". There were many questions submitted regarding the subject of homosexuality.

Homosexuality is one of the most controversial subjects in our culture today. Hollywood and the major media are trying to force normalization of this lifestyle on television shows, movies, etc. Even some churches are adding to the confusion by ordaining openly gay clergy.

But what does the Bible say about homosexuality? And how do we as Christians respond to the issue in a way that affirms the authority of God's word and lovingly offers the good news of freedom from homosexuality through Jesus Christ?

Let's discuss this together as we discuss Pastor Tim's message, "What is the Christian's Response to Homosexuality?"

Grace and Peace,

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Small Groups Pastor

## Group Study Questions

1. At the heart of most controversies between the (and within the) church and society is the question of biblical authority. Why is it critical to affirm **BIBLICAL AUTHORITY** when maintaining a Christian view to cultural issues? Look up and read 2 Tim 3:16.
2. What happens when we begin to compromise on what God's word says?

### What Is The Christian's Response To Homosexuality?

3. Read Genesis 1:27 and 2:24. How do these verses teach us that **HETEROSEXUALITY** is God's revealed will for humankind?
4. If someone asks you, "If God created people with a predisposition to be gay, then why is it a sin", what answer would you give them?
5. The truth is, all of humanity has a predisposition to sin. It's called total depravity. Homosexuality, as with all sin, is the result of the **FALL OF HUMANITY**. Read Romans 8:19-23 and discuss.

#### **A Result of the Fall**

"Given the consequences of the Fall and the effects of human sin, we should not be surprised that such a causation or link [a genetic link to a predisposition to be homosexual] is found. After all, the human genetic structure, along with every other aspect of creation, shows the pernicious effects of the Fall and of God's judgment. The biblical condemnation of all homosexual behaviors would not be compromised or mitigated in the least by such a discovery. The discovery of a biological factor would not change the Bible's moral verdict on homosexual behavior."

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11. Why is sharing the **TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD** sometimes a difficult thing to do in these circumstances?

12. When it comes to discussing this issue, what is the difference between politically correct and loving and compassionate? Why is being politically correct and ignoring God's word not a loving approach?

13. You've likely heard the phrase "hate the sin, love the sinner". How do you actually do that?

**Moral Responsibility  
vs.  
Moral Choice**

"We must stop confusing the issues of moral responsibility and moral choice. We are all responsible for our sexual orientation, but that does not mean that we freely and consciously choose that orientation. We do not always (or even generally) choose our temptations. Nevertheless, we are absolutely responsible for what we do with sinful temptations, whatever our so-called sexual orientation."

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14. Many of us have people we know and love trapped in this lifestyle. How can your small group help you to show the truth of God's word, the love and forgiveness of Christ, and the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit to them? Discuss.