

Good News for Gays?
Mark 10:28-30
November 15, 2015
Message Outline



1. Thinking Back:

LGBTQ

Same-sex desires are not necessarily sin; Same-sex intimacy is.

2. Some Objections:

a. The Bible is talking about another kind of homosexuality

b. Jesus never said anything about LGBTQ

Matthew 19.4-6,
Mark 7.21, 10.6-9

A couple thoughts about this objection

c. The Bible has only a handful of texts about homosexuality—and even those are disputable.

• “The Old Testament is pretty Goofy” Leviticus 18.22, 20.13

(See also Genesis 9.20-27, 19.4-11, Judges 19.22-25, Ezekiel 16.50)

• “The New Testament is Better!” 1 Timothy 1.8-11

(See also Romans 1.26-27, 1 Corinthians 6.9, 2 Peter 2.7, Jude 7)

3. Good News: Jesus is Worth It

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Growth Group Questions



1. How do you think many non-Christian homosexuals view the church and Christians? How have we acted, what have we said or done, or not said or done, that may have contributed to their perceptions?

2. What sins in our lives do we sometimes give a wink and a nod to? Consider some of the sins in Romans 1.26-32. Do we sometimes imply in words or attitudes that homosexual sins are worse than all other sins, and even unforgivable?

3. How can we change our reputation with homosexuals? Don't be vague, be specific!

4. You are, now be! Read Colossians 3.1-10.

a. Because of who you are in Jesus (Colossians 3.1-5), we are empowered to put to death our old sinful self (Colossians 3.6-10)!

b. But death hurts! It's never easy! How is it hard for you to say "no" to sin in your life? How would it be for our homosexual friends to say "no" to sin in their lives?

c. Is death to self worth it? Read and ponder Mark 10.28-30.