

ADDRESSING COMMON OBJECTIONS AND CONTENTIOUS TOPICS

SESSION 3

“THE TALK”

TRIVIA REVIEW

QUESTIONS 1

- ▶ There are three sources of views of sexuality for a child. A primary voice, a supportive voice, and a conflicting or confused voice. Who are these three voices

QUESTIONS 2

- ▶ What are the 4 foundations of communicating biblical sexuality to students?

QUESTIONS 3

- ▶ What are the three negative responses that can be triggered by sin in general and sexual sin in particular? What lies do each of those responses let us?

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4 “HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE. 5 YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT”

Deuteronomy 6:4–5 (SHEMA)

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ABLE TO DEFEND BIBLICAL TRUTH

- ▶ Jude 1:3 - contend for the faith
- ▶ 3 Beloved, although I was very eager to write to you about our common salvation, I found it necessary to write appealing to you **to contend for the faith** that was once for all delivered to the saints. 4 For certain people have crept in unnoticed who long ago were designated for this condemnation, ungodly people, who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

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▶ 2 Tim 4:2

▶ 4 I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: 2 preach the word; **be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.** 3 For the time is coming when people will not endure sound[a] teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, 4 and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. 5 As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

▶ Reprove - Expose or call out, Rebuke - to call for something to stop

▶ Exhort - to encourage, "to call near"

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- ▶ 1 Peter 3:15
- ▶ 15 but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,
- ▶ Defense or apology = *"Apologia"* Greek
- ▶ **Apologetics** - study of defending the truth claims of the bible.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING ABLE TO DEFEND BIBLICAL TRUTH

- ▶ Students are highly skeptical (intellectual squinting)
 - ▶ Is that true?
- ▶ Students are highly informed
 - ▶ This is a generation that grew up not with just the internet but constant access to the internet
- ▶ They are good at formulating arguments
- ▶ “Because the Bible says so” is no longer sufficient.

COMMON ARGUMENTS AND CONTENTIOUS TOPICS

- ▶ Pornography, Masturbation & Self-Exploration
- ▶ If God is good and loving why would he make me with these feelings and desires and not allow me to express them
- ▶ How can you say its wrong if Jesus never talked about it
- ▶ We have translated the bible wrong and the word "homosexuality" is actually "pedophilia",

BIBLICAL SEXUALITY REVIEW

- ▶ Always return to a Biblical sexual ethic
- ▶ Expressive individualism is everywhere
- ▶ Three conditions of biblical sexual expression
 - ▶ Married - only for husbands and wives
 - ▶ Monogamous - only one husband and wife
 - ▶ Heterosexual - only for married man and woman (as assigned and defined by God)
- ▶ Personal **holiness** in primary to **happiness**

PORNOGRAPHY MASTURBATION AND SELF-EXPLORATION

- ▶ It's not hurting anybody. It enjoyable for me. How could it be wrong?
- ▶ Come back to a biblical view of sexuality
- ▶ The problem of a hyper-individualistic view of sexuality
 - ▶ Two shall be one, one flesh (Gen. 2:24)

PORNOGRAPHY MASTURBATION AND SELF-EXPLORATION

- ▶ Jesus on the topic (Matt 5:27-30, Matt 15:10-20)
 - ▶ 27 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' 28 But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery with her in his heart.
 - ▶ 7th & 10th Commandment (Ex 20)
 - ▶ Adultery, Covet neighbors wife
 - ▶ There is no difference between the fantasy and the physical
 - ▶ Matt 15:10-20- adultery and sexual immorality defile the person (to pollute or make unclean)
- ▶ Job 31:1 - Job made a covenant with his eye,

WHY WOULD GOD NOT WANT ME TO BE HAPPY

- ▶ Again hyper-individualistic
- ▶ God is not the source of temptation (James 1:12-18)
- ▶ The fall and sin have affected and corrupted all aspects of our existence including sexuality (Romans 1:24-32)
 - ▶ Total depravity
- ▶ Holiness over happiness

WHY WOULD GOD NOT WANT ME TO BE HAPPY

▶ Romans 12:1-2

- ▶ 12 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, **holy** and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.
- ▶ True contentment is found when we live within God's will for us

JESUS NEVER TALKS ABOUT IT, IT MUST BE OKAY

- ▶ Very popular argument
- ▶ Jesus primary message didn't directly involve sexuality
 - ▶ Luke 19:10 - "seek and save the lost"
 - ▶ Mark 1:15 - "repent and believe in the gospel"
 - ▶ Jesus' primary message is about redemption and salvation
 - ▶ Come back to the Father through the Son

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- ▶ Jesus is a studied and trained Jewish teacher
- ▶ Matt 5:16-17 - Jesus' view of OT law
 - ▶ 17 "Do not think that I have come to **abolish** the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to **abolish** them but to **fulfill** them. 18 For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. 19 Therefore whoever **relaxes** one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
- ▶ Lev.18:22, 20:13

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- ▶ This does not work with the trinity
- ▶ Col 1:15-17 - "by him all things were created"
- ▶ Jesus is the active agent of creation
- ▶ Jesus created Adam and Eve
- ▶ Jesus created and ordained marriage

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- ▶ Jesus is very clear on what marriage and gender is
- ▶ Matt 19:4-6
 - ▶ 4 He answered, "Have you not read that he who created them from the beginning made them **male** and **female**, 5 and said, 'Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become **one flesh**'? 6 So they are no longer two but **one flesh**. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate."

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- ▶ Argument from silence
- ▶ Person "A" never directly mentions or condemns position "B" , therefor position "B" must be permissible.
- ▶ faulty reasoning / fallacy of reasoning
- ▶ Other things Jesus "never" talked about that must also be "okay" now
 - ▶ Pedophilia, incest, domestic abuse, infanticide

THE WORDS ARE TRANSLATED INCORRECTLY

- ▶ Popular argument - 2022 Documentary 1946
- ▶ "What the bible actually condemns is not same sex mutual sexual expression between consenting adults, but is pedophilia"
- ▶ "The words in our bible have been mistranslated and we got it wrong"
- ▶ "The word "homosexual" was never meant to be in the bible"
- ▶ 1 Cor 6:9-10
- ▶ 1 Tim 1:10

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▶ 9 Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor **men who have sex with men** 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

▶ **men** - "*malakoi*" Greek (effeminate)

▶ **who have sex with men** - "*arsenokoitai*"

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- ▶ 1 Tim 1:10

- ▶ 10 the sexually immoral, **men who practice homosexuality**, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine
- ▶ **men who practice homosexuality** - "*arsenokoitai*"

THE WORDS ARE TRANSLATED INCORRECTLY

- ▶ the word *arsenokoitai* has been mistranslated and mean pedophilia or pederasty
- ▶ Pederasty - Greek social construct of mentorship and sexual relationship between adult males and young teen boys
- ▶ If Paul had meant "homosexual" he would have used a different word
- ▶ Paul made up the word there is not historical basis for it

WHY PAUL CHOSE THIS WORD

- ▶ *arsenokoitai* compound word
 - ▶ "*arsen*" - male or man
 - ▶ "*koite*" - bed or couch
 - ▶ literally "men who bed men"
 - ▶ first used by Paul in 1 Cor. 6:9-10 and 1 Tim. 1:10

WHY PAUL CHOSE THIS WORD

- ▶ Paul is a former Pharisee - expert in Jewish Law and OT
- ▶ Where does Paul get his foundation for a Christian sexual ethic
- ▶ Septuagint - Greek translation of Hebrew Bible
- ▶ Lev.18:22, 20:13
 - ▶ 22 You shall not **lie** with a **male** as with a woman; it is an abomination.
 - ▶ 13 If there is a **man** who **sleeps** with a male as those who sleep with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act
- ▶ Paul is making a compound word using the greek words directly from Lev 18 & 20

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