

Asking For A Friend

PART FOUR:

WHAT ABOUT LGBTQ+?

June 26, 2022



→TEACHING NOTES←

A. Four Disclaimers:

1. This is a _____ topic.
2. Let's try to avoid personal opinions and let _____ teach us.
3. Labels are _____ helpful.
4. The word _____ is helpful.

B. Orientation:

- Orientation is the _____ you are facing and moving, which leads to a specific destination.
- We are all orienting our _____ in a certain direction.
- "Follow me" is Jesus' _____ to _____.

C. What Jesus says about sexual orientation (Matthew 19:3-12)

- Point: Jesus holds onto God's _____ while acknowledging the _____.
- God's Ideal: One man and one woman in marriage for life (Matthew 19:4-6 & Genesis 2:24-25)
- Our Real: Some are born eunuchs, others are made eunuchs, and some choose to be spiritual eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 19:12)

D. Common Question: What about my desires?

- Desire _____ sin (see Matthew 4:1-10)
- Action is _____
- Identity is _____ sin (see 1 Peter 2:9; Galatians 3:27-28; 1 John 3:1-2; Colossians 3:1-3)

E. How Jesus responds to sexual disorientation (John 8:2-11)

- Jesus did not _____. "*Neither do I condemn you.*" (John 8:11)
- Jesus did not _____. "*Go now and leave your life of sin.*" (John 8:11)

F. Five suggestions for how Jesus' people should respond

1. Be _____
2. Be _____
3. Be _____
4. Look to _____
5. _____ without strings attached

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→ DISCUSSION ←

Read & Discuss

Read through the main scripture(s) from the lesson and the Teaching Notes on the back.

Scripture(s): James 4:8

1. What stood out to you from the scripture or the lesson?
2. What do these scriptures tell us about God?
3. What do they tell us about people?

→ GOING DEEPER ←

Reflect

1. "Direction determines destination" is a phrase we used in the lesson. How do you feel like that relates to James 4:8?
2. We need to try and orient each part of our lives towards Christ. Which parts of your life do you feel is naturally easier to orient toward Jesus? Which require more intentionality?
3. What promise does God give to those who try and move in His direction? What hope does that give us for all the areas of our life we try to orient toward Him?

Pray

1. What can you thank God for?
2. What can you ask God to help with?
3. How can God help you be obedient to His word this week?

Each day this week, spend time in pray about an area of your life you would like I to better orient toward Jesus.