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Legacy

CULTURE ~~WARS~~
ENGAGEMENT

**Our goal is be equipped to effectively
love God and love others in an ever-
increasingly counter Christian culture.**

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Absolute Truth

Objective
Universal
Constant

Relative Truth

Subjective
Localized
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Culture War:

- Fight and debate between polarized groups over value, moral, and truth issues
- Fueled by outrage
- Choose to strike back as opposed to turning the other cheek
- Seek to defeat, destroy, or humiliate the opposition

Cultural Engagement:

- Oppose the evils of society in order to be salt and light
- Choose not only a truthful position, but a graceful tone
- Seek the rescue of our opponents not their ruin
- Desire to convert our opponents instead of destroying them

**We are not at war with
our ideological opponents**

we are at war for them.

1 Peter 3:15 _____

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.
Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

Table Talk

From last week

What was your biggest take away?

Table Talk

Why do you think people have such diverse views on right and wrong when it comes to sexuality?

Table Talk

Is homosexual sexual sin worse than heterosexual sexual sin?

Table Talk

What do you think the LGBTQ community needs most from the church?



Biblical thoughts on Sex:

- Sex is a gift.
(Proverbs 5:18-19)
- Sex is powerful.
(Proverbs 6:27-29)
- Sex has a proper context.
(Hebrews 13:4)

Proper Context for Sex

Sex is to be expressed in the context of a heterosexual, monogamous, faithful marriage relationship for life.

God designed sex biologically, relationally, emotionally, and spiritually to be expressed in the context of a covenant relationship between a man and woman. It is an intimate act to be shared only with your spouse in faithfulness for life.

Proper Context for Sex

Any sex outside of marriage is out of bounds, it is outside of God's will, it is sin.

That includes:

Rape, Incest, Bestiality, Pre-marital Sex, Extra-marital Sex, Homosexual Sex, Multiple Partner Sex, and Pornographic Sex.

Warning Against Sexual Immorality

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body. ¹⁹ Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; ²⁰ you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.

Warning Against Sexual Immorality

Ephesians 5:3

But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people.

Homosexuality



What do the letters in LGBTQ stand for?

L

Lesbian is used to describe a female whose enduring physical, romantic, and/or emotional attraction is to other females.

G

Gay is used to describe a male whose enduring physical, romantic, and/or emotional attraction is to other males. Some females identify as gay rather than lesbian.

B

Bisexual describes an individual who is physically, romantically, and/or emotionally attracted to both male and female.

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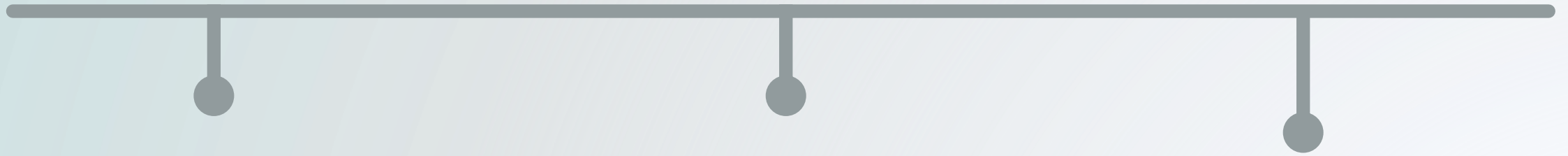
Transgender is an umbrella term for people whose gender identity and/or gender expression differs from the sex they were assigned at birth.

Q

Questioning refers to individuals who are unsure of their sexual orientation and/or gender identity.

Homosexuality

The Spectrum



**Same-Sex
Attraction**

**Homosexual
Orientation**

Gay Identity

“Why is sexual sin so hard to deal with?
Because often sexual sin becomes a sin of
identity.”

-Rosaria Butterfield, *Openness Unhindered*

The Pressure of Cultural Conformity

The LGBTQ community is driving a political and social agenda to force widespread and universal validation of their lifestyle as the norm.

We will continue to face ever increasing pressure to condone and embrace the LGBTQ lifestyle or face the moral outrage of the cancel culture.

The Pressure of Cultural Conformity

We are called to counterculture living. We are to hold firmly to the convictions of the scripture without compromise.

We should expect that this counter cultural view of sexuality will be rejected, ridiculed, and possibly considered hateful.


This is why our truth should always be balanced with love and grace.

“Kindness does not make you complicit.”

-Matt Chandler

“True tolerance involves treating with integrity and humility someone whose opinions I believe to be untrue and invalid... Therefore, to be a tolerant Christian doesn't mean accepting contrary views as valid but treating with grace and kindness those with whom you disagree...”


-Dr. Alistair Begg

A man with glasses, wearing a light blue clerical shirt and a dark lanyard, is speaking at a podium. He is positioned in the center of the frame. To his left, another man in a suit and tie is partially visible, looking towards the speaker. The background consists of wood-paneled walls. A blue glass is on a shelf behind the speaker. A blue banner with white text is overlaid at the bottom of the image.

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A portrait of Rosaria Butterfield, a woman with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark top. The background is dark and out of focus. A light blue geometric shape is visible on the left side of the frame.

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