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ORIENTATIONS AND THE CHURCH

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Have we addressed and asked to people of different orientations?
Have we addressed same-sex marriage? How do we support in the church?
Are there welcome or high priority of it to those in relation and reach out to them?
Have we talked to leaders who say they are a Christian and LGBT?
Have we engaged with people of various, transgender, and homosexuality? How many people have done so?

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Building up the Church

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- How do we address same sex marriage? How do we respond in the courts?
- Are boys welcome at High Point? What is done to embrace and reach out to them?
- How do we talk to someone who says they are a Christian and LGBT?
- How do we put together gender roles, transgender, and homosexuality? How

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How do we talk to someone who says they are a Christian and LGBT?

How do we put together gender roles, transgender, and homosexuality? How does god feel about them?

What I've Already Said

Sermon: 6-10-2012

Engage and Equip blog: <http://hpcmadison.com/>

Best Paper: Stanton Jones *Sexual Orientation and Reason*

What We'll do

Luncheon after second service next Sunday.
Extended discussion.

Historic Christian View: a "bottom line" summary



Graham Cole: “that homosexual sex is sinful and that homosexual desires are disordered desires.”

But the larger issue of Christian sexuality:

“all human beings were created in God’s image and sexuality and gender are part of that original and sinless creation. Yet all humans are in a fallen and disordered condition- all humans struggle with a God-given and yet disordered drives and orientations- including sexuality- and sexual purity is one of the great battles of every human life.



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Autobiographical

Cataclysmic Cultural Change

"Cultural Revolution" and present "Culture Wars" (1880-present)

Culture of restraint to culture of expression

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Result:

Benefits and Brunt

A New Testament Summary:

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Biblical Standard and Promise

Do you not know that "the wicked" will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

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Orientations and Identity

The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. 14 By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. 15 Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! 16 Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." (Gen. 2:24) 17 But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. 18 Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. 19 Do you not know that your body is a temple 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 body.

The Questions then for this morning is this:

How do we live faithfully as Christians
and as the church in the world as it is?



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Personal/Pastoral Questions:

1. Is same sex attraction a choice?

Better question: Is it a CONSCIOUS choice?

(excludes: unintentional result of choices that were unconsciously or unintentionally related to sexual development)

Allows for a developmental explanation without personal fault

Example: Swedish Twin Study- only 10% concurrence

Personal/Pastoral Questions:

2. Is change possible for same sex attracted people?

Short answer: For some, Yes. But many do not experience change.

Explanation: Homosexualities

The State of "Therapies" and why

Personal/Pastoral Questions:

3. What do I do when I'm invited to a same-sex wedding?

Can you not affirm something you publicly celebrate?

Does it matter if it's 'Christian' or 'civil'?

Personal/Pastoral Questions:

4. Should I be politically active in fighting the wave of Gay marriage?

Jan 18th

Fight for freedom of ALL PEOPLE

Do not act or refrain out of cowardice or bullying

Personal/Pastoral Questions:

5. How do I engage with someone oriented in a way other than I am?

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