

**Big Idea:**

Conversations about homosexuality can be a gateway to the Gospel.

Answering Common Questions and Arguments**-- “Why must you impose your religious views on me?”**

- Every law—whether laws for homosexuality or against it—imposes some sort of conviction on others.
- To claim immunity from imposed morality while trying to impose morality on others is **HYPOCRISY**

-- “It is wrong to forbid someone to marry the person he/she loves.”

- There are lots of people who aren’t allowed to marry whomever they want: 12 year-olds, polygamists, close relatives, etc.
- This argument is a seriously **SLIPPERY** slope. Think how many relationships could be justified by use of this thinking.

-- “Opposition to homosexuality is bigotry.”

- To believe another person to be innately inferior is bigotry; to believe a specific behavior to be inherently sinful is morality.
- It is not bigotry to oppose a given **BEHAVIOR** equally for everyone.

-- “I was born this way.”

- The fact that someone is naturally inclined to behave in a certain way does not by itself **JUSTIFY** that behavior.
- Everyone is born with a different orientation to his/her sinful nature. People are innately predisposed to sin in different ways.
- Race and gender are physical traits, homosexuality is a moral inclination.

-- “If you love me, you will let me be who I am.”

- This argument relies on a false understanding of love.
- **True love REQUIRES opposition to homosexuality.**
 - It is possible to be against homosexuality and yet be willing to lay down our lives in love for homosexual persons.
 - If we approve of homosexuality, what we will bring to homosexual individuals cannot be love (1 Corinthians 13:6).

Understanding and Communicating Christian Worldview

- One chief goal of this series is to instill and heighten within us a Biblical **WORLD VIEW**
- A worldview is essentially the filter through which a person understands and evaluates everything he encounters and experiences.

The Framework of the Christian Worldview Creation, Fall, Redemption, (Consummation)

-- Creation

- Human sexuality was originally created as a flawless and precious **GIFT** from God to humanity.
- *By what authority do you claim the moral virtue of homosexuality?*
- ** *Why do you think we are here in the first place?*

-- Fall

- Human sexuality was distorted by the Fall, and intimacy in marital union was corrupted by sexual desires in unholy **CONTEXTS**
- *Do you think homosexuality was part of God's original design for humanity? If yes, to what evidence do you appeal?*
- *If I could show you why homosexuality is a sin against God, would that change your mind about it?*
- ** *What do you think is wrong (the biggest problem) with the world?*

-- Redemption

- We work to restore human sexuality to its original design and purpose—in the context of covenant marriage as a fit image of true heart **WORSHIP**
- *Do you think the advancement of homosexuality is drawing human hearts closer to God or farther from Him?*
- ** *What do think is the solution to the problem? What is most needed in the world today?*

-- Consummation

- When Christ returns, the bliss of sexuality in its proper context of biblical marriage will find its fulfillment in the eternal bliss of unadulterated worship of God in His presence.
- What is your ultimate **HOPE** in advancing homosexuality?
- Where is everything headed; what happens after we die?

Summary

- Remember, God allows disorder and decay in the world it so that people might trust in Him alone and not in the world.
- Don't hide or retreat from the issue of homosexuality. Let us use it as an **OPPOTUNITY** to demonstrate the compassion of Christ and share the perfect hope proclaimed in His Gospel.