

Family Discipleship

Conversation Guide

Homosexuality

“Outsiders say that Christians are bigoted and show disdain for gays and lesbians. They say Christians are fixated on curing homosexuals...They doubt that we really love people as we say we do.” David Kinnaman, *unChristian*

The Bible makes it clear that same-sex relationships are not part of God’s good plan for human flourishing but are sinful. In our culture, however, sexual desire is viewed as part of a person’s identity. Does this mean that Christianity is anti-gay?

First, let’s look at what the Bible says about homosexuality. Read the following passages:

[Genesis 19: 1-13](#)

[Leviticus 18:22](#)

[Leviticus 20:13](#)

[Romans 1:18-32](#)

[1 Corinthians 6:9-10](#)

[1 Timothy 1:8-10](#)

Since homosexuality is clearly sinful, how should we treat people who identify as gay, lesbian, or bisexual? Do they need to repent of their sin before we can befriend them or invite them to church?

Watch this video about a Christian who experiences same-sex attraction:



Discuss: How was Anne’s life transformed? What sort of things now give her fulfillment in relationships?

Christians are not called to change people, or to turn sinners into saints. We are called to love people compassionately and introduce them to Jesus, while holding firmly to both Law and Gospel. Though not always easy, we can accept people without approving of their behavior. Only the power of Jesus can transform a person, and only Jesus can truly fulfill them.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we all have sinned and fall short of your glory, and we all need your mercy. Help us to see everyone as a fellow sinner who needs your grace. Help us love people sincerely and tell them of you, knowing only you can change someone’s heart. In Jesus’ name, amen.

For more on this topic, see the following Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary senior thesis:

[Understanding and Ministering to Those Who Struggle with Same-sex Attraction](#)

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