KINGDOMS INCONFLICT

A Biblical Response to Todays Most Divisive Issues

Sexuality

Simple, really

• We love Him

• We desire to experience His blessings

• We desire to see others experience His love

What is the Kingdom conflict in the area of Sexuality?

God

The World

Truth

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Relativism

Design



Fulfillment

Eternity



Autonomy

Building Blocks

Honor

Instruct

Warn

Forgive

Proclaim

God's truth! Psalm 119 (all)

in righteousness 2 Timothy 2:14-15

against error Ephesians 5:11-12

and Restore Galatians 6:1

Him! Colossians 1:24-29

Sexuality

HONOR INSTRUCT WARN FORGIVE PROCLAIM

Honor God's truth: His Design

"The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him. ... So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh.

The Beginning - Genesis 2:18-21

"Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man.

Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

Genesis 2:22-25

"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Eternity - Ephesians 5:25-27

".... to present her to himself as a endoxos church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless.

Endoxos - (Strong's g1741) glorious, splendor, honorable "In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself."

Ephesians 5:28

"The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost."

Revelation 22:17

INSTRUCT

Instruct in righteousness: God's commands and Principles

"You shall not commit adultery."

Exodus 20:14

"The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife, and likewise the wife to her husband. The wife does not have authority over her own body but yields it to her husband. In the same way, the husband does not have authority over his own body but yields it to his wife. Do not deprive each other except perhaps by mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer."

1 Corinthians 7:3-5

WARN

Warn against error: Consequences of Sin

"Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral."

Hebrews 13:4

"Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom —both young and old—surrounded the house. They called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them. Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him and said, "No, my friends. Don't do this wicked thing."

Genesis 19:4-7

"Look, I have two daughters who have never slept with a man. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do what you like with them. But don't do anything to these men, for they have come under the protection of my roof."

"Get out of our way," they replied. "This fellow came here as a foreigner, and now he wants to play the judge! We'll treat you worse than them."

Genesis 19:8-9

Consequences of Sexual Immorality

- Abortion the most important moral issue of our day
- Disease
- Emotional trauma
- Social disintegration
- Denial of truth

FORGIVE

Forgive and Restore Hope

"Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Gal. 6:1-2

"If anyone has caused grief, he has not so much grieved me as he has grieved all of you to some extent—not to put it too severely. The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient.

2 Corinthians 2:5-6

"Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him."

2 Corinthians 2:7-8



Proclaim Him! Everything builds to the Gospel

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"He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me."

Col. 1:28-29

Where do the Kingdoms Conflict? <u>God</u> <u>The World</u>

Truth ——— Relativism

Design — Fulfillment

Eternity — * Autonomy

The fruit of your choices

God

The World

Truth - Peace

Relativism - strife

Design - Pleasure

Fulfillment - brokenness

Eternity - Glory

Autonomy - enslavement



Congregation Survey

While going through the Kingdoms in Conflict series the elders wish to foster a time of open discussion and dialog that strengthen the church's conviction on these topics. We value your input!

As part of this series we will be not only welcoming questions but looking for ways to address them before the series is concluded.

Questions for you:

Are you honoring God in your sexual actions, thoughts, and words?

Can a Christian persist in sexual immorality?

What have you personally done to love someone trapped in sexual sin?