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GENDER IDENTITY IN LIGHT OF GOSPEL IDENTITY

STUDY  
GUIDE

# WEEK 9: HOMOSEXUALITY

## ROMANS 1:26-27

There are few issues of our day more polarizing than homosexuality. Christians are painted with the same broad brush as the hateful people who wave “God hates fags” signs outside of military funerals. As a whole, Christianity is seen as a faith that hates gay people.

Unfortunately, more of that is warranted than the church would like to admit. Many Christians and churches have behaved badly. They have been unwelcoming, rude, judgemental, and even hateful.

So how are Christians to approach the issue of homosexuality, and, those we know and love who are gay? One thing that Christians and non-Christians alike are not good at anymore is disagreeing with charity. Meaning, holding differing views and not allowing that to lead to opposition and alienation.

Christians need to know how to hold the Truths of Scripture faithfully and not capitulate to the culture on the one hand, and uphold our call to be salt and light, filled with love for our neighbour, straight and gay alike.

Eternity hangs in the balance. If we cannot learn how to live Christianly around this, we will have no platform, no voice, and no right to share how our gospel identity trumps everything else about us, including our sexual identity.

## **MEMORY VERSE**

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

*Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. <sup>11</sup>And such were some of you. 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.*

## **BIBLE READING PLAN**

**MONDAY**

**JUDE 3-25**

**TUESDAY**

**1 TIMOTHY 1:3-16**

**WEDNESDAY**

**MATTHEW 19:3-12**

**THURSDAY**

**1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-11**

**FRIDAY**

**ROMANS 1:18:32**

**SATURDAY**

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:13-21**





# POST SUNDAY STUDY CONTENT

1. Ice Breaker: Share stories of someone breaking an agreement or contract.

2. Has divorce affected you in any way? How so?

3. Summarize what God says about divorce. Are there situations in which divorce is permitted? What does God say about remarrying after divorce?

4. Read Malachi 2:10-16. Why does God “feel” so strongly about divorce? Is marriage a contract? Why or why not?

5. Sadly, divorce often creates enemies – with children as “collateral damage”. How is the truth of the gospel relevant in this reality?

6. Read Romans 5:1-11 and Corinthians 5:11-21 and discuss some practical aspects of the “ministry of reconciliation” that God has given us. How can you be a minister of reconciliation to those who have been, or are being, impacted by divorce?

7. Read Hebrews 13:4. What are some ways that your group can fulfill God’s command to honour marriage?

8. Make a list of all those you know who have been impacted by the reality of divorce.

Now read Isaiah 50:1-10 and spend time praying for the redemption and restoration of broken marriages and lives.

