

# Engaging Culture: Homosexuality and the Gospel

## Session 4 Handout

### Where to start: (Matthew 7:1-5; Romans 1:32)

1. Read the passages and process how you can avoid judging others, but still speak truth into their life. How does grace and truth fit into the lens of these passages? Why are these passages so often misunderstood and taken out of context?
2. Are you consistent in your approach to sin in other people's lives? In your own life?

### How do we walk through real situations:

Process: (this may take many conversations or it may be the first one)

- Listen first
- Second, don't run away
- Don't immediately react strongly
- Communicate your love and concern for them with compassion
- Ask questions about the road they've been on to get to this place (Look for ways to bring the Gospel into the conversation as they talk about experiences of brokenness.)
- If they believe they're a Christian-ask how they are walking through it with the Lord
- Respond in a way that creates more questions by not playing into their expectations and stereotypes

### Some goals:

1. To continue to point to the Gospel over specific issues-the Gospel speaks into all of the issues
2. Show them you care about them
3. Keep the dialogue open

### Parenting Situations:

*How do we help kids growing up in a culture of sexual revolution?*

- Value gender and celebrate it
- Seek to create a space where your kids can talk to you about anything
- Strong immediate reactions don't foster communication about things they are struggling with
- Teach your kids truth, while also teaching them to love people

### What Now?

1. God has placed you where you are right now, with an opportunity to carry the Gospel to hurting people all around you in many different situations.
2. Open the door for dialogue when you hear other believers in Christ responding in a way that is not consistent with grace and truth (BOTH).
3. Be a safe place for someone who is wrestling with same sex attraction to be able to come and talk.
4. Help set a tone that we will not be a church embracing any of our sin, but a church receiving people who are broken in need of Christ.

### Resources:

1. Mark Yarhouse-is a consistent voice
2. Russell Moore and the ethics and religious liberties commission: <https://erlc.com/videos/> (you can search for events- 2014 National Conference and Equip Austin 2015)
3. Christopher Yuan-professor at Moody Bible Institute-*Out of a Far Country: A Gay Son's Journey to God*
4. Rosaria Butterfield-*The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert*
5. People available within our church to walk with anyone. (Contact Curt Sparkman [CSparkman@fbcgt.org](mailto:CSparkman@fbcgt.org) for more details)