

CrossPoint Community Guide

God and Sexuality | Grace, Truth, and Same-Sex Attraction

DINNER & DELIGHT *45 minutes*

- When you think about conversations around sexuality, what makes those conversations feel safe, honest, and helpful—and what makes them feel tense, defensive, or unhelpful?

LEARN & STUDY *20 minutes*

Read together: *Genesis 1v27, 2v18-25, Leviticus 18v22, 20v13, Romans 1v26-27, 1 Corinthians 6v9-11*

- In Genesis 1v27 and 2v18-25, what does the creation account teach about humanity, male and female, and marriage?
- In Romans 1v26-27, how does Paul connect sexual ethics to God's created order?
- In 1 Corinthians 6v9-11, why is verse 11 so important for how Christians talk about sexual sin, grace, and identity?
- How does the sermon's Take-Home Truth summarize the tension Christians must hold: **Jesus' sexual ethic is narrow, and his grace is expansive—so we hold conviction with humility and offer hope to everyone.**

Read out loud: Due to the personal and sensitive nature of the topics, we want to guide our conversations with vulnerability by establishing shared agreements for engagement in this series:

- **Our Posture:** More will be brought up each Sunday than we are able to discuss, so if you need someone to process something we don't get to, please reach out to me (your Community Facilitator) to set up a time to do that. *We are not here to win an argument, we are here to seek the truth of Jesus, and do so in a way that reflects the heart of Jesus toward one another.*
- **Our Promise:** Honor everyone. As we discuss personal and vulnerable topics, we will build trust and safety and maintain each other's dignity by protecting confidentiality. If a Community member is absent during a particular conversation, the only person who gets to fill them in—if they choose—is the person who shared.
- **Our Practice:** Focus on our own bodies. There can be a temptation to use these topics to discuss other people's experiences and bodies, instead of our own. Our shared goal, though, is to understand God's good news about *our* bodies, so each of us is committing to limit our sharing to the context of our own experience.

PRACTICE & IMPLEMENT *45 minutes*

RIGHT NOW:

- Where am I tempted to approach the topic of same-sex attraction with fear, pride, defensiveness, or moral superiority?
- Do I carry biblical conviction with humility, tenderness, and love—or do I use truth as a way to distance myself from people?
- Where do I need to surrender my own sexual desires, assumptions, wounds, or habits to Jesus?
- Who in my life needs to experience both the ministry of presence and the ministry of truth from me?
- Am I more concerned with winning an argument, avoiding discomfort, or helping people trust and fully follow Jesus?


- Do I truly believe Jesus' way leads to life, even when his way feels narrow, costly, or countercultural? How so?

THIS WEEK:

- How (and with who) is Jesus inviting you to hold conviction with humility and offer hope? How can you practice being led by grace and driven with truth in this conversation?

REFLECT & PRAY *10 minutes*

- What is one takeaway from your time in community today?

 **NEXT WEEK:** *Genesis 1v27; Psalm 139v13–16; Matthew 19v4*