

Hot potato HOMOSEXUALITY

Setting the stage:

- The denial of self¹
- The deep nature of sexual union
- The danger of self-righteousness²

1. God's purpose for sexuality: male-female one-flesh unions

sex is for procreation³

sex is to produce one-flesh unions⁴

one-flesh unions are to image God⁵

one-flesh unions are to image
Christ and the church⁶

2. All other sexual expression falls short of God's purpose

Old Testament⁷

New Testament⁸

Be faithful

Be humble

Be loving

Discussion Questions:

1. What were your views on this issue before you heard the teaching? Is there anything from the teaching which has impacted your views?
2. What objections have you heard to the teaching given today? In what ways has the teaching helped you to respond to those objections?
3. What are the challenges from the teaching for yourself personally and also for us as a church? How should we respond?

¹ Luke 9:23

² Luke 18:9-14

³ Genesis 1:27-28

⁴ Genesis 2:23-24; Matthew 19:6

⁵ Genesis 1:27, 2:24; Deuteronomy 6:4

⁶ Ephesians 5:31-32

⁷ Genesis 19; Judges 19; Leviticus 18:22, 20:13

⁸ Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:8-10