

Unless You Repent

Scripture: Genesis 19:1-29

Also: Also: Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Jeremiah 23:14; Ezekiel 16:49; Jude 7; Romans 1:26-27; Luke 13:2-3; 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Matthew 5:27-32; Galatians 5:19-21

Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. This sermon addresses the practice of homosexuality, a topic that can be very volatile in our culture. What are some biblical ground rules that can help frame any conversation we might have about a topic like this? For instance:
 - (Speak the truth in love)
 - (Don't be prideful or have a "we're better/they're worse mindset")
 - (Keep in mind the whole counsel of God - for instance, on this topic, Ezekiel 16:49 mentions that Sodom's guilt included pride and a lack of aid to the poor and needy. Are we as hard on those sins as we are the practice of homosexuality?)
 - (Be humble - we stand before God on the same footing as all others: grace)
 - (God has the right to instruct us, *with authority*, about every realm of our lives)
 - Others?
3. How well do you think your life upholds (or does not uphold) a biblical view of sexuality (sexual activity only within the life-long marriage of one man and one woman)?
 - With your actions?
 - With your speech?
 - With your thoughts (See Matthew 5:27-32)?
 - With your entertainment?
 - With what you enjoy/post on social media?
4. How is homosexuality different or the same from other sins? For instance, look at the list of sins (works of the flesh) in Galatians 5:19-21: "sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these."
5. How can our church do a better job of loving all people, no matter what the areas of sin in their lives might be?
 - Asked another way, how can *you* do a better job of loving all people? (A good first answer will always be to remind ourselves of the Gospel!)
6. What do you need to do to take another step both in:
 - Being confident in your biblical position
 - Being able to engage people in humble, loving, truth-based conversations about it?

Spend some time praying for people who are living life apart from surrender to Jesus. Ask God to help you love them enough to share the good news about Jesus with them!