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Gender & Marriage

***Focus:** on the great concerns we have about same-sex marriage and for those who embrace it*

Discussion:

- It might be a good opener to have people share their reaction to the Supreme Court Ruling. You can follow with questions like this: Why do you think this matters? How do you think God would have us respond?
- Read Gen. 1.26-28; 2.22-24 and Matt. 19.3-6. What can you take away from these passages about why gender matters in marriage?
- Read Rom. 1.21-27. How does this portray homosexuality as a "worship disorder"?
- Read Eph. 5.31-32. How does gender in marriage shape the way we reflect Christ's love for the church.
- Read 1 Cor. 6.9-11. How should this passage shape the way we deal with those who are embracing same sex marriage? Why would we not just withdraw and not talk about these things with those who disagree?
- How does the gospel, the good news of Jesus death and resurrection, fit into all this? How does it protect us from this sin? How does it compel us to rescue those who have fallen into it?
- Pray for those you know for whom this sin is a great snare.

Resources:

Here are a couple of resources to help you prepare for your small group discussion. If you like, you can pass them on to your group and use them to shape your discussion.

<http://samstorms.com/enjoying-god-blog/post/the-unrighteous-will-not-inherit-the-kingdom-of-god>

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/so-called-same-sex-marriage>

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2004/september/11.36.html?share=X0vnGitpyJwx5D20FSEtFCX%2bLrrOXQM>