

Same Sex Marriage: the but-what-abouts

Focus: *addressing critical questions concerning homosexuality and same sex marriage*

discussion questions:

here are the 5 “but-what-abouts” from the sermon and related scripture. I would suggest just reviewing them... and then letting your group talk about which ones they, or their friends, struggle with.

- 1) but what about Leviticus? Lev. 18.22 & 20.13; Rom. 1.18-32
- 2) but what about all those other sins Christians tolerate? 1 Cor. 5.11-13; Rom. 1.32
- 3) but what about 2 people in a caring, faithful, monogamous same sex relationship? 1 Cor. 5.1-2
- 4) but what about...Christians who wrestle with SSA? Rom. 6.10; 8.1
- 5) but what about my friends, my family, who are caught up in this struggle one way or another?
1 Cor. 6.11; Mark 10.28-30

Once you have done that, ask them what additional “but-what-abouts” they have. (At this point, you may want to follow up on the panel discussion insights from Sunday night)

Discuss why it matters how your group would welcome someone struggling with SSA or someone who is actively living a homosexual lifestyle. What shape should that take? What differences would there be?

Close with time praying for friends and family who wrestle with this... and for our ability to love them well.