

Sermon Questions for Life Groups

Jesus Heals: From Brokenness to Wholeness

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*These questions are generated by several authors for Life Group discussions
or family or personal devotions*

1. Rev. Dan, at the onset, asked a few poignant questions. Before hearing his message this morning, what would have been your answers to the following:
 - a. Are people born gay?
 - b. Do people choose to be gay?
 - c. Can I change my orientation?
 - d. If God has released someone from the sin of homosexuality, will there continue to be attraction?

2. Our speaker challenged Christians to speak to those that we meet, who are in the gay lifestyle, even if we are uncomfortable or don't know what to say. Read 1 Peter 3:15 and discuss the relevance of this verse to this topic and to our responsibility as Christians in a lost world.

3. What would you most fear about witnessing to an LGBT person?

4. How could you use these Biblical passages to minister to a gay person?:
 - a. John 3:16
 - b. I Cor.6: 9-11
 - c. I John 1:9

5. Rev. Dan admitted to having continued struggles after becoming a Christian and also stated that marriage does not necessarily cure sexual sins as temptations remain real and strong. He then mentioned that after trying to "fix himself" for about 14 years, he finally turned to John 5: 39-40. Read this passage and discuss what he did and why that helped him with his struggles? How might this passage be of help to you in any of your own personal struggles?

6. Is it possible that a Christian can have parts of his/her life that he/she doesn't want God to invade?

7. Is everyone included in 1 Cor. 6:9-10? Why is it necessary to go on to verse 11? What was the price of this?
8. In looking at what the possible causes are for homosexuality, Rev. Dan pointed out that “sin is an illegitimate way of trying to resolve a legitimate need.” Discuss what this might mean? In terms of Bible references, how do you correlate this statement with the story of the Woman at the Well in John chapter 4, and with the woman caught in adultery in John 8: 1 – 11?
9. Rev. Dan indicated that per the American Psychological Association (APA) in regards to what causes a person to have a particular sexual orientation, their website says:
<http://www.apa.org/topics/lgbt/orientation.aspx>
- a. There is no consensus among scientists about the exact reasons that an individual develops a heterosexual, bisexual, gay or lesbian orientation. Although much research has examined the possible genetic, hormonal, developmental, social and cultural influences on sexual orientation, no findings have emerged that permit scientists to conclude that sexual orientation is determined by any particular factor or factors. Many think that nature and nurture both play complex roles; most people experience little or no sense of choice about their sexual orientation.
10. Pastor Dan offered that the main cause of homosexuality is found in Romans 3:23, what do you think? Another website for research is : www.homosexuality101.com
11. After hearing Pastor Dan’s message, has your view on homosexuality changed in any way and if yes, how?
12. Here are other possible resources that can be of help:
- a. **National Association for Research & Therapy of Homosexuality (NARTH)**, also known as the **NARTH Institute**, is an organization that offers [conversion therapy](#) and other regimens that purport to change the [sexual orientation](#) of people with [same-sex attraction](#).
- b. www.exoduscanada.org
- c. *Charlene Cothran, publisher and editor-in-chief of [Venus Magazine](#), a national publication for African-American gays and lesbians she launched 13 years ago, made a startling **announcement**: After 29 years as a gay activist, she's become a Christian, renounced her homosexuality, and changed the format of her magazine to spread the gospel to the gay community. Amy Tracy, whose own similar conversion story was told in an [earlier Christianity Today article](#), interviewed Cothran about her new direction.*
- d. Examples of Changed Lives –
1. Joe Dallas, <https://www.joedallas.com/>
 2. Donnie McClurken, <http://www.donniemcclurkin.com/>