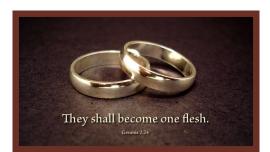
20. How can we pray for you this week?



Marriage Redefined: Now What?

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1. Marriage Defined By God

Lost sinners came to Jesus not because He catered to them or compromised His message, but because He cared for them. Warren Wiersbe

Quotes to Ponder:

The human heart is a ceaseless factory of sensual desires. John Piper

Outside the walls of the church, homosexuals are waiting to see if the Christian church has anything more to say after we declare that homosexuality is a sin.

Evangelical Christians must ask ourselves some very hard questions, but the hardest may be this: Why is it that we have been so ineffective in reaching persons trapped in this particular pattern of sin? Al Mohler

Often people ask, "How do you witness to a gay?" The question itself shows a certain misunderstanding. Why should witnessing to gays be any different than witnessing to anyone else? Their homosexuality is not our main concern. The state of their soul is.

We have shown a tremendous zeal for defeating the political goals of gays while showing less concern for their eternal well-being. Joe Dallas

In God's view, I suspect we are all sexual deviants. I doubt if there is anyone who has not had a lustful thought that deviated from God's perfect idea of sexuality. Merville Vincent

Online Resources:

www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/50-resources-for-equipping-thechurch-on-homosexuality-and-same-sex-marriage

www.desiringgod.org/articles/loving-and-celebrating-a-defective-nation

www.nationformarriage.org

2. Our Response to Marriage's Redefinition

3. What Can We Expect?

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- 1. What in the text or sermon impacted you most? What encouraged you? Convicted you? Confused you? Called for more clarification?
- 2. What is your definition of *marriage*?
- 3. What is God's definition of *marriage*? *Genesis 1:26-28* —

Genesis 2:24 -

- 4. What is Jesus' definition of marriage (Matthew 19:4-6)?
- 5. Did Jesus approve of this definition of marriage (John 2:1-11)?
- 6. What is Paul's definition of marriage (Ephesians 5:25-32)?
- 7. What should be our attitude and actions toward fellow-sinners (*Romans 3:22-23*) around us?
- 8. How did God demonstrate His love for sinners (John 3:16; Romans 5:8)?
- 9. Who did Christ die for (*Romans 5:8*)?
- 10. Should we be shocked that the world doesn't agree with what God's Word says? Explain and back up with Scripture.

- 11. Should we expect non-Christians to hold to biblical values and truths?
- 12. What is the greater sin: Straight sex out of marriage or homosexual sex? Explain.
- 13 Read *1 Corinthians 6:9-10.* Can you find yourself in this list of sinners who will not *inherit the kingdom of God*?

What does 1 Corinthians 6:11 teach us?

- 14. What will be your response when a homosexual couple attends ABC?
- 15. If you have homosexual friends who invite you to their wedding, how will you respond? Why?
- 16. Is there a political or social or economic or governmental solution to the problem of sin that every human has? What is the only solution?
- 17. In the future, as we stand on God's Word, what should we expect from the world?
- 18. What type of persecution should we first expect? *Luke 6:22* — 1 *Peter 4:4* —

1 Peter 1:6-7 —