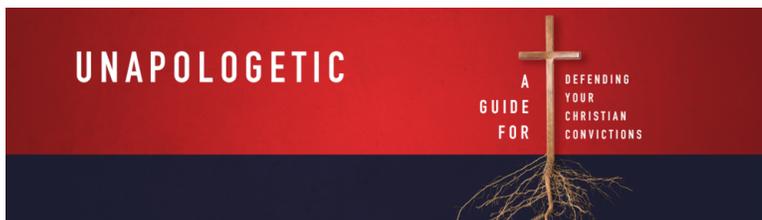


CITYGROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



Week 7 (Ch. 17-18 – Homosexuality & the Gospel)
Week of July 17th, 2016

#CityGroupsTally

REMINDERS for leaders:

- Do NOT assume everyone in your group (or visitors to your group) are believers! Encourage gracious conversation in the group that would draw any non-believers or baby Christians into discussion rather than alienate them. But do not shy away from the Bible.
- **Next Week is our last week of Summer Groups.** Plan something a little extra special next week to celebrate another great semester together. (Food, cake, encouragement etc.)
- **The end of the semester is closing in on us, so please make sure your group knows we'll break for August and make plans to dive back in this fall.** If your group is multiplying be prepping your group for a launch team. Also consider having your group serve together or do a social over the August break. Fall Groups will kick back off on September 11th and we'll be diving into the book of Galatians together.
-  **VIDEO:** Each week we will have a video for you to show at your group meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for all groups before starting discussion:

- **Kids Camp:** All hands on deck! Sign up online to serve at Kids Camp and help us reach elementary students and families with the gospel in our city! **8am-noon July 25-29!**
- **Baptisms:** Has everyone in your group been baptized as a believer? If not, then encourage them to sign up for baptism scheduled for next Sunday July 24th. (Sign up online or contact Craig@citychurchtallahassee.com with any questions)

BIG IDEA(s):

We live in a day where Caitlyn Jenner is held up as a hero and to disagree is viewed as bigotry. The topic of homosexuality can be a mine field that effects everyone in some way. This is a real life issue that is increasingly accepted in our culture and becoming one of the first questions we get from visitors to City Church. Thus it is very important that we look at what the Bible actually says concerning homosexuality and how we as Christians should act toward those who disagree with the Bible's sexual standards.

PRAY: Pray for wisdom and grace as we go through His Word and discussion these important apologetic topics.

READ: Gen 2:24-25 // Matt 19:3-6

Homosexuality (15 minutes)

1) How have you seen the recent shooting in Orlando effect people's views on homosexuality? What are some reasons homosexuality is becoming more accepted in society today? (It gets personal, as everyone seems to know a friend or family member who is gay.)

2) Where in the Bible do we see God's standards for God-honoring sexuality? (Gen 2:24-25; Matt 19:3-6)

3) What does the Bible say about homosexuality? Where? (READ: Leviticus 18:22; Genesis 19; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Timothy 1:8-10; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

Heart (20 minutes)



Watch this weeks video together on "Homosexuality & the Gospel" as a group.

1) What has been your default view or feeling on homosexuality? How has that changed (if any) in light of Scripture or this video? (For example: Do you need to have a softer heart towards those who are gay/lesbian? Do you need courage to stand for the truthfulness of the Bible's sexual standards in conversation or in your own life?)

2) What is 'homophobia' and how have you seen people hurt by it? (the fear of or prejudice towards homosexual peoples) **How is this 'hurt' different from 'feeling offended' by what the Bible teaches concerning homosexuality or transgender issues?**

3) In what ways is it loving to speak the truth about God's sexual standards to those who disagree? (Eph. 4:15) What point in your relationship with someone is most effective to have this conversation?

READ: Mark 2:13-17

Hands (10 Minutes):

1) What is the hope of the gospel for homosexuals? (1. The same as anyone else... We are ALL sinners in need of God's forgiveness. 2. We can have grace, forgiveness and a new identity found in and through Christ. 3. Salvation through faith in Jesus alone. 4. The transforming power of the Holy Spirit.)

2) How do you think Jesus would interact with non-believers who participate in same-sex relationships? (See how Jesus interacted with the 'tax collectors' in Mark 2:13-17.) (Remember we are on "Search & Rescue" mission not a "Seek & Destroy" mission!)

3) How should we respond to a Christian involved in same-sex sexual activity? How is this different then how should we respond to a Christian experiencing same-sex attraction?

4) Is there anything you have learned tonight that will change the way you treat others tomorrow?

PRAY: Take a few moments to share prayer requests and pray for one another. Pray for specific lost friends in your life and for opportunities to share the gospel with them or have great apologetic conversations this week.