

## Small Group Curriculum

SERMON A Transcultural Authority: Superiority (Various Scriptures) DATE October 3/4 2015

- 1. Do you think homosexual sin is worse than other sins? Why or why not?
- 2. At the beginning of the message, we were presented with two opposing ways of understanding the authority of both culture and the Bible. Using the space below diagram describe what that looked like.

WRONG UNDERSTANDING	RIGHT UNDERSTANDING

Which of the two is the correct way of understanding issues around us? Why is the other option so dangerous? Apart from the issue of homosexuality, what other culturally volatile issues are often wrongly understood in this fashion?

- 3. Read **Genesis 1:27** and **2:21-25**. Explain how sexual intimacy between a husband and a wife is a reunion. How does this support the traditional view of marriage?
- 4. Read **1 Corinthians 6:9-11**, and in particular make note of Paul concluding the passage with the words, "And such were some of you..." How does rightly understanding that key phrase make you think about those who struggle with the sin of homosexuality?



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5. Read **Romans 1:18-32** and consider this quote by Sam Allberry in his book, *Is God anti-gay*?

"All of us have desires that are warped as a result of our fallen nature. Desires for things God has forbidden are a reflection of how sin has distorted me, not how God has made me."

A popular idea today is that since many who experience same-sex attraction testify to *discovering* ("I was born this way") rather than *choosing* their same-sex attraction, it cannot be wrong to act in accordance with their authentic feelings and desires. How would Paul counter this reasoning?

- 6. How does **Revelation 19:6–8** give help and hope to us as believers, regardless of our sexual orientation or marital status?
- 7. From this message and this study, what will change in your life as you consider and interact with those struggling with same sex attraction?