

DISCUSSION GUIDE

LOVING YOUR LGBT NEIGHBOR

Mark 12:28-31

ICEBREAKER: In your opinion, is the Christian message mostly “good news” or mostly “bad news”? Explain your response.

OVERVIEW: The LGBT lobbyists have claimed both the month of June and the rainbow for their “community”. They call June “Pride Month” and hold events all over the world to celebrate their community and to strategize ways to increasingly normalize their lifestyle and weaken dissenters (i.e., Christians, Jews, and Muslims, etc.). Yet even though the LGBT community celebrates what God condemns and are often our political opponents, God commands us to love them. In this discussion we will go deeper with how to do just that.

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend’s message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday’s message?)
2. Are people born gay or is it environmental? Explain.
3. For the sake of argument, is it wrong to condemn a gay person if they were born that way? Explain.
4. Do you think Christians need to be more tolerant toward the LGBT community? Explain.

5. Read Philippians 1:9-11 and answer the following questions.
 - a. What is Paul praying for?
 - b. Why does love require knowledge and discernment?
 - c. What knowledge and discernment do Christians need to have to be able to love their LGBT neighbors well?
6. Refer to Sunday’s sermon for the following questions. The sermon mentioned seven guidelines for loving your LGBT neighbor. List them here.
7. Of the seven guidelines, which one do Christians most need to hear and understand?
8. When Christians express the Biblical position against homosexuality and transgenderism they are often accused of being intolerant and judgmental. Is it wrong to say that a behavior is sinful? Explain.
9. What can Christians do to effectively evangelize the LGBT community?
10. Should Christians attend gay weddings? Explain.

The Last Word: “We must be tolerant of people, but intolerant of ideas.”

