

4. There are two ways this passage can bother a long-time Christian. One is that it might leave them feeling unappreciated by Jesus. The other is that he or she might feel destined to love little. What's the difference?

5. What are some of the ways we can deepen our love for God (according to the sermon but also beyond what was covered in the sermon)?

6. How would you describe (in your own words) what our posture should be when approaching issues about sex and sexuality in conversations and in our own minds?

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Christian Sexuality—Jesus, Sex & Gender

"Grace & Truth (Our Approach & Posture)"

Luke 7:36-50

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What if we could figure out a way to _____ about, learn about, and talk about sexuality from a biblical perspective in spite of our personal failures or the failures of the church?

Jesus offers a way to think about, learn about, talk about sexuality, and to live out our sexuality that is steeped in humility, love, and grace, without lacking in confidence, conviction, and _____.

Hold to biblical convictions without moving beyond _____.

How to Approach Sexuality with Grace & Truth

Luke 7:36-42

Jesus is saying that living out the Great Commandment to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength is directly _____ to how much you've been forgiven.

Luke 7:43-50 (Luke 15; Matthew 20:1-16)

With whom do you most _____ in this passage?

If you don't most identify with the woman, does it bother you because this woman or the prodigal get equal status and love from the Father and your faithfulness over the years is seemingly unappreciated by Jesus OR does it bother you because it seems you are _____ to love little?

Hope for Those Who Love Little

In a very real sense, our sins as God's people far _____ those of people who don't know God because of what we know and who we know and because we have resources for living rightly that people far from him don't even have.

Jesus doesn't compromise truth or the truth. But he offers grace. He is "truthfully loving and lovingly _____."

Mercy is not getting what you deserve. Grace is getting something good when what you deserve is something bad because God has taken on himself what _____ deserved.

Our Posture

Let's approach sexuality as a "league of sinners," humbled by our own sin, without setting aside _____ shaped by God and his Word, and standing firmly in God's mercy and grace.

Personal Reflection & Small Group Questions

Please complete this study on your own, then bring it to your small group for discussion.

1. Looking back over your notes from this week's sermon, what particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. How has the hypocrisy and sexual failures you've detected in Christians, church leaders, and yourself impacted you throughout the years?
3. Read Luke 7:36-50 carefully. What are some of the ideas and features of this story that stand out to you?