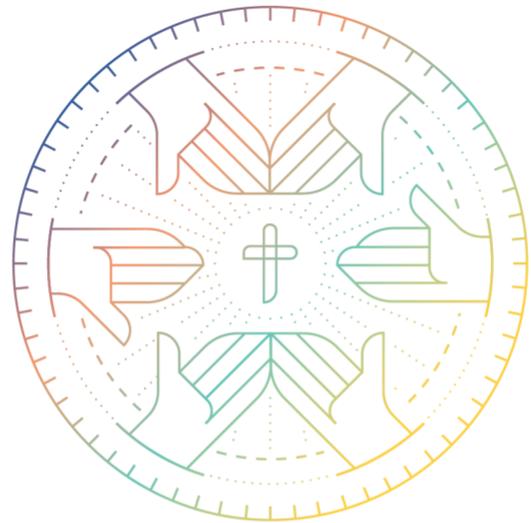


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ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

Have you ever been on the receiving end of bias, anger, or prejudice and how did that make you feel?

OR

Do you have a relative or friend who has identified as LGBTQ+? How has that affected your life or your family?

INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

What most stood out to you from David's message?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 and John 3:17. How does the passage from John's gospel help us to understand and apply the passage from Corinthians?

David said, "Homosexuality is not an issue to be solved, but a person to love and to help experience the love of Jesus." How does John 3:17 provide the backdrop for David's statement?

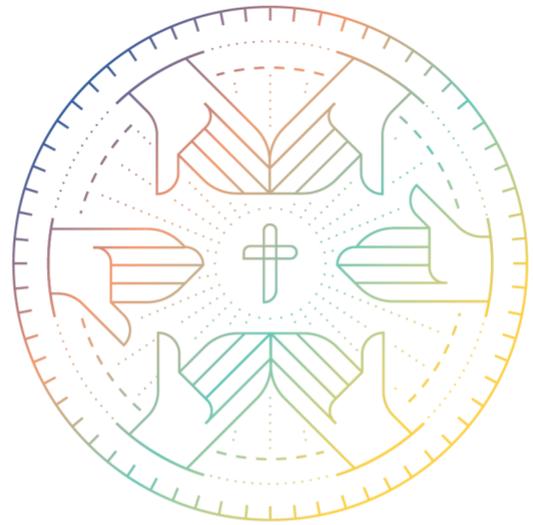
INTO THE WORD (20 MINUTES)

Read Leviticus 18:22, Romans 1:26-27 and 1 Timothy 1:9-10. How would you characterize the Bible's teaching regarding homosexuality?

Read John 8:1-11 and Romans 3:23. How do these two passages help us to have a proper perspective and attitude toward individuals struggling with temptation and sin of any kind?

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Read John 1:14. How can the Church balance grace and truth in her approach to those embracing homosexuality?

APPLICATION (20 MINUTES)

How can Fairhaven Church become a safe place for honesty and transparency? How can we guard against an attitude of judgement or hatred toward those who disagree with our position on homosexuality?

Why is it important that our identity be grounded in our covenant with God and our relationship with Jesus rather than any cultural, political or behavioral identity?

David taught us that the message coming from us, from the Church, regarding homosexuality, should be:

1. Start a journey with Jesus.
2. You can become a son or daughter of God.
3. Give your sexuality to Jesus.
4. He might not remove your same-sex attraction.
5. Begin to trust His design for you.

Are you willing to adopt this mindset? Are you willing to express this perspective toward someone you know who is advocating for or practicing homosexuality?

How has David's message or this group study affected you or your perspective regarding the Church and homosexuality?

PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

Our Savior and Lord Jesus, I thank you that you did not come into the world to condemn it, but that the world, through you, could be saved. Without you, I would have no hope, because I am a sinner. I am broken and have failed you time and again. Yet, you love me and you forgive me and you hold me close to your heart. May I give that same grace and love to those around me – even those who advocate a much different lifestyle and worldview. You have the power to change them and bring them into a relationship with you. I pray that you would do that in the lives of thousands and millions. And if possible, use me in accomplishing your purpose. Amen.