



| GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE |

— BIBLICAL SEXUALITY PART TWO —

Reasons we aren't making a Biblical Sexuality "Manual"

- 1) We here at Alive believe that part of the “with God” life involves growing in our faith.

- 2) A “one size fits all” approach to dealing with them is not only unhelpful, but it has proven to be hurtful historically.

- 3) We make sexual sin and brokenness THE thing in the church and fail to acknowledge that brokenness comes in many forms.

Identity

- 1) _____ - Satan understands that the best way to convince us to live broken lives is to make sin look beautiful.
- 2) _____ - While we are all subject to temptations, our temptations do not define who we are.

“Shame wants us to believe it is accurate in its evaluation of us. That we are too wretched to be made new. Too dirty to be made clean. Too prone to sin for forgiveness to matter. That in all the fruits of the great salvation we’ve come to bear, that the temptation to still want our gay exes or to feel how it felt to be loved by someone of the same sex, means that we are just a sinner beyond repair or worse, that we are simply still gay. But just because we are tempted does not mean that we are our temptations. WE are what the cross has declared us to be: forgiven. Temptations may have a voice but so does the living God. The Scriptures-God breathed and eternally profitable-have the final say on the identity of the saint.”

— Jackie Hill Perry (Gay Girl, Good God)

A healthy sexual ethic should be built around the process of _____, not simply _____.

3) _____ - If even Jesus needed community for strength, then how much more do we need to take on the identity of the church that we are not alone?

4) _____ - He is better than we could ever imagine.

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

Romans 12:2 (NIV)

The Message of Renew:

We are all broken and to pretend we aren’t only results in _____ that hurts us and pushes others away. Our brokenness results in us _____ in things, desires, and people that will only lead us down a path of shame and emptiness. While it isn’t a culturally popular position, the only way through this brokenness is to _____, choose to do it differently, and seek to be _____.

This process will look different for everyone because we are a beautiful, diverse, unique creation. But the God who made us loves us enough to _____.

If we desire to live lives of _____ we must lean into the discomfort of becoming a new creation and this includes full submission of _____ of our lives, including our sexuality.

TAKE AWAYS:

PRAYER:

God it is our hope that as we learn more we love more. Help the people of ALIVE and those who are participating in Renew to first and foremost be people of LOVE. Help us all to live lives fueled by compassion. For those struggling with sexual brokenness in their own lives we pray for strength to persevere and grace to ask for help when needed. We pray they find hope and peace as they lean into community. For those who are not personally struggling we pray for a continued desire to learn and grow and an openness to have hard conversations in love.

As we continue this process, Lord, help us to become more aware of your beautiful and fulfilling design for our lives. Give us the vision to see it and the strength to pursue it.



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