



# EXPOSED

FINDING TRUTH IN TURMOIL

## Introduction:

We all face temptations. Still, there's a difference between natural desires and sinful action. The recent Supreme Court decision has made a practice identified in the Bible as sin, culturally acceptable. But as followers of Jesus Christ, our priority is fixed on His unchanging truth. Today, we examine how to live out God's truth in a manner that engages rather than alienates the culture.

## Questions:

1. Was there a time during your walk with God that you put on the weight of righteousness through rules? Read Matthew 15:1-9. Discuss the cultural practice that was added to God's law? In what ways do Christ followers still have this tendency and how does it impact the church?
2. On the other hand, can you discern between right and wrong without being judgmental? How might you practically demonstrate this in how you respond to emotional issues like homosexuality, abortion and divorce?
3. In today's sermon we looked at reasons the SCOTUS ruling is disappointing. One of those reasons focused on our identity being formed by an action, when in fact our identity is so much more than our actions. Looking at Matthew 15:7-8 how does this scripture support that idea?
4. Read Matthew 15:19. The Greek word for *sexual immorality* is Porneia, from which comes our word pornography. It covers all illicit sexual intercourse, which includes: adultery, fornication, homosexuality, lesbianism, intercourse with animals etc. How does this expanded definition of sexual immorality affect your perspective?
5. Pastor David said one of the ways that we need to engage the LGBT community is to first, have an understanding of the difference between natural desires and sinful actions. Look up Romans 6:12-14. What is Paul exhorting us to do? What are the keys identified in this passage you think make this possible?
6. Discuss the idea of tolerance defined by the culture and the idea of love defined by the Bible. How do you think the culture and believers misunderstand one another's definition? How can we practically and respectfully represent God's view?
7. To engage the LGBT community we need to be grace driven and truth led.
  - Define these two terms: "grace driven and truth led".
  - Now brainstorm how to be grace driven and truth led in regard to an alcoholic, an adulterer, and a homosexual.
  - How are your tactics similar or different in each situation and why?



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## **Conclusion:**

As you consider your personal response in light of God's truth, begin by examining your own heart. What areas might you need to confess before the Lord? Ask His forgiveness first, and then ask for guidance on how to be grace driven and truth led.