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## Human Sexuality, Gender, and the Gospel

Forestgate Presbyterian Church

- I. Introduction
  - a. My background and sources—not an expert!
  - b. Happily under the authority of this church!
  - c. To discuss Biblical principles on this topic, and not to espouse a political position.
  
- II. Objectives
  - a. To gain clarity on the issues.
  - b. To grow in confidence in the revelation of God and a Christian worldview.
  - c. To ask questions and venture answers in our own words.
  - d. To see how the gospel affects all areas of life.
  - e. To survey some good resources that the church is producing on these topics.
  
- III. Format
  - a. See separate handout for outline
  - b. More of a family discussion than a lecture
  
- IV. The Problem
  - a. What is the problem this course is addressing? What's happening in the world, in the church, and to us and our families?

b. We're not talking about it

V. Ground Rules

a. Scripture speaks to all issues in some way, though not always in technical detail

- Rom 15:14

b. Scripture overrules cultural moments, which always shift over time

- Eph 4:14

c. Our goal is to honor Christ, not win debates

- 1 Pet 2:12

d. Discipleship unto conformity to Christ is God's primary purpose in his Word (in church and family), not setting public policy (within a temporary state)

- Rom 12:2

e. All words must be spoken for mutual edification, so that others may encounter the grace of Christ even in our discussion of difficult topics

- Eph 4:29

VI. Questions