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Human Sexuality, Gender, and the Gospel

Forestgate Presbyterian Church

Lesson 12: Wrap-up and Summary

Goal for this class: *Clarity on the issues, confidence in God's revelation, and compassion for the many confused and victimized by the sexual revolution.*

1. Resources

- World Opinions (<https://wng.org/opinions>)
 - o Articles on LGBTQ by Carl Trueman, Andrew T. Walker, and Kevin DeYoung
- Kevin DeYoung's commencement address to Geneva College
 - o <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhTz6II9roA&t=3s>
- Kevin DeYoung, *Homosexuality and the Bible*, Appendix 3

2. Recap from last week

How do we show compassion for the intersex, without giving any quarter to the idea that one can change their sex?

- Definitions:
 - o Intersex - describes a small percentage of people who are affected by a congenital disorder of sexual development, such that they do not have a fully functioning reproductive system.
 - o Gender dysphoria - the condition of feeling one's emotional and psychological identity to be at variance with one's birth sex

How do we look for and address the underlying issue for many? How do we spot and defend against the spirit of the age: expressive individualism?

- Oprah-isms
- Carl Trueman's advice: Take your church vows seriously.

3. Review from the course

Understand the Problem

- *Ideas have consequences; bad ideas have victims.*
 - Three bad ideas of the sexual revolution:
 - Sex, marriage, babies are separable
 - Men and women are interchangeable
 - Sexual autonomy is dignity
 - “they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator” Rom 1:25

- LGBTQ Pride Month
 - A new religion, and this is part of their liturgical calendar.
 - A celebration of the sovereignty of individual desire.
 - A battle for the cultural memory and imagination.

Know the Solution: *The Gospel*

Case Study: Your neighbors have a 13 year-old daughter who has been expressing her same-sex sexual desires. The parents are OK with this, because “she needs to be able to express herself.” And, now their daughter wants to be known as a young man, and to be referred to as a man with male pronouns, and the parents are going along with this as well.

What do we know about God’s revelation and his story that is relevant to this issue? How do we share the good news? Think in terms of the following four categories:

Creation:

Fall:

Redemption:

Consummation: