

MOMENTUM BUILDERS

DIGGING INTO THE HEART OF THE MESSAGE.

"SAME-SEX ATTRACTION-AND US"

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Understanding God's design for sexuality is important. Learning how to listen with compassion before speaking the truth immediately is crucial. Sean shares his insights on how to approach a key cultural issue with compassion and respect along with Biblical guidance.

WATCH: Sean McDowell —Momentum 2014. 44 Minutes. <http://onmissioninsights.com/SSAandus>

KEY POINTS:

Listen with compassion before speaking truth. (Pr. 18:13) Sean asked Momentum these questions to get us in the mindset of compassion: *How would your life change if you had Same-Sex Attraction? How would it affect your relationships? Your future? Your faith?*

Bad impressions. In the minds of many outside the faith, we as Christians are incredibly harsh towards homosexuals. Are we lovingly befriending those who have other beliefs than we do? And are we willing to pay the cost to love that radically? Speaking truth can be done in love and compassion, but we have to become people filled with Christ's love—even over being "right."

Not all sin is equal. (John 19:11; Matthew 23:23) We don't do anybody any good to level out all sin. But in one way, all sin is equal—*all sin separates us from the holiness of God.* (James 2:10; Romans 3:23) Sometimes we point out sins in others because we do not understand the depth of compassion and grace given to cover our own sin.

BIBLICAL INSIGHT:

"If revisionists are right and God blesses homosexual behavior, then I am harming gay people if I am not welcoming them full fledged into the Christian community. On the other hand, if the Bible does speak about homosexuality in a transcultural way then those who say it is not sin would be calling sin, something as evil ,as good." - Sean McDowell

- There is not one verse in the entire Bible that speaks favorable of homosexual behavior.
- Until the middle of the 20th century there was not a single Christian leader who promoted homosexual behavioral.
- Every regulation in the Bible assumes heterosexuality. (5th, 7th, 10th commandment)
- Every proverb in the Bible assumes heterosexuality—one man and one woman.

The three verses which address homosexuality:

- God's pattern for sexuality— Genesis 1 and 2
- An action, not identity, but an action which is sinful —Leviticus 18:22
- Homosexual sex is not natural —Romans 1:26-27

WHAT TO DO AMIDST THIS CULTURAL ISSUE:

- Speak with incredible tenderness
- Do not allow any gay jokes or comments. Period.
- Share the Gospel. This is not about changing orientation, it is about becoming holy.
- If you decide to speak the truth lovingly—be prepared to suffer.