



Pt. 4: Behavior or Belief?

Often, when the subject of sexuality comes up in a church or religious setting, the focus seems to be on behavior. The tendency is to go to various places in the Bible that map out what God views as “acceptable” and “unacceptable” behavior. And while Scripture certainly is clear on various matters, what we miss is what role our beliefs play in shaping and directing our behaviors. So, ultimately we have to start with us and what we believe.

Bottom Line: Our sexuality has a divine design.

Discussion Questions:

1. What good advice have you never forgotten? How has that advice shaped your life?
2. How do our beliefs shape our behavior?
3. **Read Genesis 1:1 & Romans 1:20.** What do you believe about these passages? How does your belief contradict today’s secular view of humanity?
4. **Read Ephesians 6:12 & Colossians 2:8.** What did Paul mean when he said that our struggle isn’t against flesh and blood? What false teaching was Paul concerned about?
5. Materialism tells us that our identity isn’t found in God. What instead is it found in? How is this in complete contrast from the Christian view?
6. Personhood Theory teaches that being a human and being a person are two different things. Being human is a scientific fact, while being a person is more of an ethical concept. As a result, Personhood Theory promotes a *low view of the body*. But Christianity holds that there exists both body and soul, matter and spirit and therefore places a high view of the body. Biblically speaking, what are the flaws with Personhood Theory? Where does it lead us as a culture?
7. Think about a family member or friend that is caught in this trap of *low view of the body*. How can you pray for them this week?
8. What has been the most helpful thought/idea from the message this week? How has that thought/idea helped you?
9. How can the group pray for or encourage you this week?

*If time doesn’t allow for you to discuss all of these questions, use only the ones you feel would be most helpful for your group.