

As someone who is in their twenties studying theology, this lesson about homosexuality and the reflection of a Christian point of view on this topic was very difficult for me to come to a conclusion with. Ultimately, I feel like there really is no one single answer. Just as all of the sin that are common and discussed heavily about, homosexuality is not something that we can just say is wrong and leave it at that. This topic and conversation deserves a spotlight and deserves to be taught to all Christians instead of just ignoring it. If someone is born homosexual and has no control over it but continues to deeply love and serve the Lord, who are we to say that they are condemned and sinning at all times.

However, if I have this same conversation with other adults in my family who are over thirty years old, they will never agree with my point of view. My very narrow minded and traditional family could never understand my understanding and belief of accepting homosexuals for who they are. Maybe it is due to the generational gap and the fact that I grew up in an age where people of all backgrounds and identities are included and loved. Now, do I condone homosexuality and encourage others to act in a way that is sinful in nature and “unnatural”? No, it is not something that should be praised. However, it is important to treat everyone with love and respect. No matter how different a homosexual acts, they are still people of God and are created in God’s image. Therefore, we can not do anything else but to show them love and acceptance.

Just as Jesus showed us how to love and treat others in the Bible, we are to do the same and not discriminate based on sexuality and identity. I grew up knowing people who identified as homosexual, transgender, and a lot of identities that are not Biblically praised nor accepted in a Christian environment. I only imagine this to extend and continue throughout history. The number of homosexuals and those who identify as other pronouns and identities will not

decrease. In fact, they will only increase in number. The biggest concern as a Christian is how do we show love but also teach them to reject their own natural urges. As Christianity and homosexuality are both increasing, we are bound to have an increase in Christians who identify as homosexual or any other identity that is not considered “normal”. In a Christian community and as a person of God, how do we continue to educate our community and society without condemning or excluding those who identify as other identities?

I feel that this week’s lesson, including the two sermons and the article, are all great perspectives and point of views. I considered the sermons to be a more modern approach whereas the article felt a bit too one sided and not accepting of the continuous growth in homosexuality and other identities. As a Christian and someone who plans on being an educator and social media influencer, this topic is of interest to not only me but many people in the community. I feel that education is really the number one priority at this point. Homosexuality is rarely discussed in a church, especially a Korean church. Many Koreans are uncomfortable and think of the discussion as taboo and unwanted. However, how long can our church survive without educating our future generations about topics that are becoming more and more relevant in our society?

As a Korean Christian, I pray that I can continue to receive strength and energy to educate others in my community about this topic and the importance of this issue. Christian homosexuals should be given the same amount of love and support as anyone else. More importantly, we should all be educated on the topic and the many ways to live a life for God without succumbing to sexual sinful desires. Ultimately, my beliefs have not changed about how a homosexual should be treated. Instead, this week’s lesson reminded me of how little we are

educated as a Christian community about the topic of homosexuality and that it is a growing concern in this current time and age.