

Worksheet 4: Rough Draft

Fill in this worksheet with the information required. DO not worry about connective language. Just get the information down. Make sure you include citation information for all quotes in parenthesis so that the information does not get lost as you are copying and pasting. The final copy will have citations in footnotes per Chicago formatting.

Introduction

- **Hook**

- *With the emerging of new gender identities and the increase of youth identifying with these new gender identities the next generation of leadership faces a challenge*

- **Problem or Challenge**

- *Do we show love to the LGTBQ+ community and walk with them in their journey or do we reject them until they change. A few years back within the Spanish-speaking community of Christian a young and prominent worship singer came out as homosexual. This took social media by a storm, prompting many to condemn him and in many ways cancel him. I remember hearing things being said such as "he was never a truly Christian" or "That is why we can't let anyone be in the altar of God because we do not what spirits they are transferring to us". All that I could see during those few months was a lot of judgment by many pastors and Christians on social media and a little of love by only a few leaders. A few months later the condition of the worship leader got worse, and he completely turned away from God and a few months after he got surgery to change his sex.*

- **Topic discussion**

- *Homosexuality*

- **Preliminary Information**

- Key terms, definitions, any information the audience needs to be successful.
 - **Homosexuality:** the quality or characteristic of being sexually or romantically attracted exclusively to people of one's own sex or gender.
 - **Gender:**
 - **Sexuality:**
 - **Heterosexual:** Sexually or romantically attracted exclusively to people of the other sex.

responded with compassion. Moreover, those who lean to this point of view emphasize that the issue of sexual identity is an effect of the fall.

- **Liberal:** Those who are inclined to the liberal side of the spectrum tend to look at the issue of gender identity through a diversity lens. They believe that transgender and emerging identities reflect variations of gender experiences that should neither be condemned nor viewed as less than. They believe that the different emerging identities reflect God's creativity.

Literature Review: Who emerged as the top voices of this topic?

- Scholar Opinion

- o **Scholar Identification:** Dr. William Loader is a well-respected scholar in the topic of sexuality in ancient Judaism and Christianity. Some of his most notorious work are: Making Sense of Sex, Sexuality in The New Testament: Understanding The Key Text.

- o **Summary of position:** Dr. William Loader's point of view on sexuality is that even though the Bible is clear about prohibiting same sex relations, he believes that in order to give the bible a proper application when used in today's context. One must look at the bible having in mind the new developments on biology, anthropology, sociology among others. Because of this Dr William Loader support an affirming view on same-sex relations.

- Review of position: Dr William Loader has good arguments, especially when he explains how throughout the history of the church certain views have changed. For example, the view on the head-covering, leadership roles of woman, among others. However, I disagree with him because same-sex relations are unable to procreate, and this is one of the main reasons of sex. Also, even though is true that throughout church history, certain views on ethics have changed, some of them are still the same and we have to understand that for example the slavery on the biblical times is not the same type of slavery we experienced today.

- Scholar Opinion

- o **Scholar Identification:** Dr Wesley Hill is a self-identified gay Christian. He is the author of the book "Wash and Waiting", "Spiritual Friendship: Finding Love in the Church as a Celibate Gay Christian", among others.

o Summary of position: Dr Wesley Hill believes that same-sex relations are against God's will and due to this are not to be permitted by Christians. Wesley argument is based on certain biblical passage that prohibits same-sex relationship and he uses as well certain aspect of the theology of marriage, sex and procreations to support his claims.

o Review of position: This has been the most surprising point of view I have read on this topic not because of the argument itself but because Dr Wesley Hill identifies as a Gay Christian himself. I completely agree with Dr Wesley Hill point of view regarding same-sex relationships because I believe that God can make something good out of someone who identifies as gay but decided to honor God with their sexuality by being celibate.

- Scholar Opinion

o Scholar Identification: Mark A Yarhouse is one of the most influential writers about homosexuality. He has written many books and articles, among them are: "Emerging Gender Identities", "Homosexuality and The Christian" and "Understanding Gender Dysphoria: Navigating Transgender Issues in a Changing Culture"

o Summary of position:

o Review of position

Your Proposed Thesis

1. Key Statement: Homosexuality should not be treated as a separate sin or a sing that is unforgivable

a. Proof & Quotes

2. Key Statement: God's love & Christ redemption is for everyone including homosexuals.

a. Proof & Quotes

3. Key Statement:

a. Proof & Quotes

Conclusion

- Restatement
- Passion
- Vision
- Call to Action

Rich Villodas Deeply Formed Life (Sexuality chapter)
How do we respond to with
Change do not makes better in a successful way.
How can you talk to them

1 page intro and conclusion
3 pages on theology
4 pages on key points (