

# Homosexuality

We believe that God loves us all. He loves us enough to tell us in His word what is right in His eyes and what is sin. Our church tries to have this same attitude. We try to express love to everyone, because everyone is loved by God. In trying to love people with God's heart, we are also willing to tell them if something in their life is sinful or not God's best for them. We believe scripture teaches that sex was designed to only be experienced between a man and a woman in the bonds of marriage. Anything outside of this model (pornography, adultery, fornication and homosexuality) are described as sinful by scripture.

Based on what we see in scripture, our belief is that homosexuality is a choice. Some of us may have a predisposition to being homosexual. Some of us also may have a predisposition to abusing alcohol or violence, etc. The issue is not what we are drawn toward or tempted by. The real issue is: are we trusting God's word to guide us into His desires for us. The question is not what we struggle with, it is whether or not we are trusting in Jesus to save us and direct our lives. So, the most important thing is what we believe about Jesus. Have we received His grace and surrendered our lives to Him? We believe that God is more concerned with our hearts than our behavior. Once He has our hearts, He is the one who changes us and heals anything that is not in line with His desires for our lives.

We believe that God has an amazing plan for you. In Jeremiah 29:11, we are promised, "I know the plans I have for you,' Declares the LORD, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future'."

If you would like to talk or pray with someone about this subject, we would love to meet with you. Please contact the Connection Church office at 912.871.5849 or email us at [care@connection-church.com](mailto:care@connection-church.com).

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