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"CHRISTIANS AND GAY WEDDINGS"

GENESIS 2:18, 22, 24-25 (NASB)

I. WHERE JESUS WOULD STAND (John 8:3, 4:5)

INSIGHT: The gay community in Lufkin may know where "The Hill" stands on sin but not where "The Hill" stands with regard to them.

CONSIDERATION: In the gay community are men and women who want Christ, but too often are burned by Christians – gay men, women and teens trying to figure out how the teachings of the Bible mesh with their sexual desires and lifestyles.

II. HOMOSEXUALITY: THE BIBLICAL TRUTH

Four insights from God's Word:

1. God created humankind in the context of sexual identity.
2. God's sexual identity plan is small: male / female.
3. God created sexual intimacy for the man and woman.
4. God's intent is sexual intimacy between a man and a woman in the context of marriage.

TRUTH: Homosexuality departs from the biblical blueprint of man/woman sexual intimacy in the context of marriage.

INSIGHT: Every single mention of homoerotic behavior in the Bible is labeled sin.

INSIGHT: A major fallacy of gay thought is the idea that same-sex attraction is God-designed.

TRUTH: The Bible doesn't condemn homosexual desire, just homosexual practice.

INSIGHT: The Bible rejects the mantra that sexual desires should not be fought (1 Corinthians 10:13).

TRUTH: Acceptance is not the same as approval (John 1:14 NIV). "Jesus came...full of grace AND truth."

III. GAY WEDDINGS

INSIGHT: The issue is whether we are participating or just attending.

INSIGHT: If you believe your participation is enabling it to happen, facilitating its act, then the answer has to be "no."

IV. ATTENDING A GAY WEDDING

TRUTH: Love isn't real love if it's only for good behavior.