**Always Ready Week 4**

**Christian Stereotypes: God Hates Gay People**

**Definition: Relativism**

all truth is relative (or in the negative sense, “no truth is absolute”)

God’s Word Says…

John 8:31-32

-Genesis 1:27

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

The Culture Says…

“I Create Me”

Specific verses on homosexuality:

* Leviticus 18:22 – “Do not lie with a man as one lies with a women; that is detestable.”
* Romans 1:26-27 – “Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.”
* I Corinthians 6:9-10 – “Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers **nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders** nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.”

*How should we respond to the tension that exists between God’s Word and the Culture?*

VIDEO: My Journey with Two Gay Parents

John 1:14-17

**14**The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

**15**(John testified concerning him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’”) **16**Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. **17**For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Tension between Grace and Truth

All Grace Example: Envision Community Church

All Truth Example: Anti-gay laws in Africa

Sam Allberry:

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/two-minute-clip-homosexuality-every-christian-should-watch/>

**5 Biblical Truths to keep before us as we engage with those who have a different worldview:**

1. Your sexuality (nor your gender) is key to your identity. God has something much more holistic and beautiful in mind for you. (John 10:10)
2. There are consequences for living outside God’s will for our lives. (John 9:39)
3. Jesus warned going against the world’s standards would lead to persecution. (John 15:18)
4. As we live in the tension, let us not forget that God’s grace can heal every sin. (1 Corinthians

6:11)

1. Christians must practice radical hospitality to be able to welcome those with same sex attraction. (Acts 4:32-34)