



1. **Guardrails for \_\_\_\_\_ . 1 Corinthians 6:12-17**

- A. While Christ has taken away our sin, this does not give us freedom to go on doing what we know is wrong.
- B. "Guardrails were never meant to restrict your freedom, but designed to keep you going \_\_\_\_\_ in freedom."

2. **Guardrails for our \_\_\_\_\_ . vs. 1-8**

- A. This is dealing with civil lawsuits as opposed to criminal cases. **Romans 13** teaches criminal cases should be handled by the state.
- B. His main point is: Christians should be able to work out disagreements and not run to unbelievers every time there is one.

3. **Guardrails for our \_\_\_\_\_ . vs. 9-11**

- A. God created sex.
  1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of sex knows what is best for us.
  2. After salvation a Christian might still struggle with \_\_\_\_\_ desires, but they should not continue in these practices.
- B. The Bible is consistent through both Old and New Testaments in confirming that homosexuality is \_\_\_\_\_.  
**Genesis 19:1-13, Leviticus 18:22; 20:13, Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6-9, Titus 1:7**
  1. Christians must be careful to condemn only the practice, not the \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. The good news is that homosexuality is not the unpardonable sin. It is forgivable just like greed, theft, and murder are forgivable.
  3. Jesus cleans us & provides us with new \_\_\_\_\_. **vs. 11**
- C. Three common responses from proponents.
  1. Some claim **Leviticus 18:22 & 1 Corinthians 6** are not denouncing homosexuality, rather, it is denouncing pedophilia.
    - *Arsenokoitai* is a compound word: *arseno* is the word for "a male," and *koitai* is the word for "mat" or "bed."
    - As in English, the Greek word for "bed" can have both sexual and non-sexual meanings. In the context of **1 Corinthians 6:9**, *koitai* connotes an illicit sexual connotation.
  2. Jesus never addressed homosexuality. **Mark 7:20-23**
    - Jesus specifically condemns many sins. The one I want to point out is the Greek word, **porneia** (sexual immorality).



- This Greek word would have been understood by His Jewish listeners to mean the prohibited sexual behaviors that are mentioned in the book of Leviticus. One of which was homosexual sex.
1. Homosexuals are born that way. **Romans 1:24-28**
    - Romans teaches that homosexuality is a result of denying and disobeying God, not birth.
    - A person may be born with a greater susceptibility to homosexuality, just as some people are born with a tendency to violence and other sins.
    - Eight major identical twin studies show homosexuality is not genetic.

**"A lot of our views on sexuality are not based on the Bible, rather, they are based on watching too much TV."**

**1. Guardrails for when you are \_\_\_\_\_ . 1 Corinthians 6:18-20**

- #1 Run...Flee...get out. Do not stay in the midst of temptation.
- #2 Consciously avoid places or activities you know that will \_\_\_\_\_ temptations.
- #3 Don't underestimate the power of Satan to tempt you, or the potential for serious harm if you continue to yield to these temptations.
- #4 Remember, God can and will forgive sexual sins just as He forgives other sins. Surrender yourself to the Lord, asking Him to show you the way out of sin, and into the light of His freedom in His love. 1 Corinthians 10:13
- #5 \_\_\_\_\_, Bible study, loving support of other believers, and asking to be filled by the Spirit of God you can gain strength to resist powerful temptations.
- #6 If you already are deeply involved in homosexual behavior, seek help from a trustworthy pastor, mature believer, or a Christian counselor.
- #7 \_\_\_\_\_ your sins to another believer.

**James 5:16** "Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."

Only God can forgive sin. But God says if you want to be healed, you need to confess to each other!

*\*Connection Group questions are on the attached sheet.*

# Connection Group Questions

Further Study on the Sermon from May 22, 2022

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1. If you could choose one all expenses paid event to attend, which one would it be and why?  
Presidential Inauguration, Filming of your favorite TV show, an NFL playoff game (not the Super Bowl), Academy Awards, front row at a Broadway production, behind the scenes tour of Disneyland, etc.
2. This week we talked about guardrails. What were some family rules/guardrails you're glad you had, wish you didn't have, or wish you would have had growing up?
3. Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there a particular point, verse or comment that caught your attention, challenged you, or raised a question?

## **DIGGING DEEPER**

1. We heard this weekend that becoming part of God's family includes some amazing new benefits along with new responsibilities. How does Paul further expand our understanding of what happens and what it means to become part of God's family in **2 Corinthians 5:17, 20-21**?
2. What strategies and help do the following verses give us on how to flee and avoid those temptations that have to do with our sexuality?  
**1 Corinthians 10:12-13, Hebrews 4:15, Proverbs 7:7-10, Proverbs 7:25-27**  
To prevent ourselves from falling, we need to set up safeguards to avoid temptation. We also need to develop strategies to help us flee from temptation. Can you think of any safeguards or strategies you have seen others utilize or you yourself have in place to avoid sexual temptation? If so, explain.  
...at work ...at home ...in your personal or social life
3. Looking back at this week's sermon is there anything you'd specifically pray for?
4. Are there any temptation avoidance or exit strategies you feel like you need to add or refocus in your life?