

Homosexuality

VIDEO LINK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OBiHVmIcM80&list=PL967fm7hOmgxGjuWN7YAd5Zk3l8PwXfjY&index=5>

GOAL SUMMARY

The goal for this session is for young people to understand that the Church's teaching on marriage is not a matter of discrimination because it applies to everyone. Also, young people should see that the Church calls us to treat everyone with respect and that our deepest identity is in being children of God.

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This video is Chris Stefanick discussing the Church's teaching on homosexuality. He shows how the institution of marriage comes from natural law. And because everyone is invited to a life of chastity, this teaching is not a matter of discrimination. In fact the Church also teaches that we are to treat everyone with respect. Those who carry the cross of same sex attraction are invited to a life of discipleship, love and service. And this does not define a person because our deepest identity is in being children of God.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How is marriage written in nature? How is it written in the Bible?
2. In what ways does celibacy give us an invitation to follow Jesus?
3. Does following divine law, does living sacrificially and laying down our lives for others, lead to fulfillment?
4. We have to stand up for the dignity of all people. We are not defined as our sexual orientation, but as children of the Heavenly Father. Have you ever been tempted to find your identity in something other than being a child of God?
5. In what ways can we love those who struggle with same sex attraction?

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Jesus came that we might have life and have it abundantly. We are called to a life of fulfillment by living a love of love and laying our lives down in love.

Let us pray:

Lord Jesus, in this life we each have different crosses to carry. Strengthen us as we strive to follow you. And help us to see each other as children of our Heavenly Father. We love you Lord. Amen.