



## Conversations- Week 1

**1824 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS****GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

Conversations are an essential part of our daily lives. They are a source of entertainment, laughter, information, and joy. Sometimes though, conversations are the source of discomfort. For the next 4 weeks, we are going to be intentional about having some uncomfortable conversations that give us the opportunity to grow in our faith and love the people around us better.

1. [Read Judges 21:25](#). Do you believe this verse reflects our world today? If so, how do you see it present in our society today?

Read [Proverbs 28:26](#) and [John 14:6](#). Our culture teaches that we get to decide what is truth for ourselves, but Jesus says He is THE truth. Scripture teaches us that we are fools for trusting our own insight.

How do you include Jesus into the formation of your day-to-day decisions or opinions you form?

2. [Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-10](#). Although the topic for this week's message was homosexuality, we read in this passage that there are many sins that can be committed which would prevent someone from inheriting the Kingdom of God. When you think about homosexuality, do you elevate it as greater than other sins? Or why do you think many other Christ followers elevate it?

When you think about the conversations you have had with people in your life about culturally charged topics, do you find yourselves tempted to dilute or shy away from biblical truth to avoid appearing unaccepting? If so, why?

3. Rick Warren said, "Our culture has accepted two huge lies. The first is that if you disagree with someone's lifestyle, you must fear or hate them. The second is that to love someone means you agree with everything they believe or do. Both are nonsense. You don't have to compromise convictions to be compassionate."

The reality is that we have and will continue to encounter people in and out of the church that will have same sex attraction, or practice homosexuality. We can love them while also keeping the conviction to the Biblical truth.

How can you intentionally love the people in your life who have same sex attraction or practices homosexuality while also holding your position?

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Jackie Hill Perry said in her book *Gay Girl, Good God*, "I don't believe it is wise or truthful to the power of the gospel to identify oneself by the sins of one's past or the temptations of one's present but rather to only be defined by the Christ who's overcome both for those He calls His own."

If you experience same sex attraction or know someone who does, how can you/they turn to Jesus as the whole source of your identity?

4. Read [Romans 1:25](#). We were created by God for God. Even the smallest details of your lives were meant to worship Him, the Creator. Often, we get in the rhythm of worshiping the things He created instead.

Currently, what is God competing with for your worship?

5. We are all on the struggle bus and bent by sin. Yet, God created you for himself. He longs for us to turn from the desires and temptation drummed up by our broken humanity and rest our whole lives in Him. He desires us to help our friends find themselves in Him as well.

What do you need to do this week to turn to Jesus in your own life, or hold your ground and intentionally love someone you disagree with?

**ACTION STEP**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

March 10 | The 1824 Experience

March 16 | Night of Worship (Greenwood Campus)

You can find more information on all of these events at [eclife.org](http://eclife.org).