

## **PMC SERMON "LIVE IT OUT" GUIDE**

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Title: Sex and Your Worldview  
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Series: Sex in the Bible

**[For Group Leaders:** The following serves only as a guide. Please feel free to adapt according to the needs of your group.]

### **1. SERMON RECAP**

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- a. Everyone has a worldview. Our world determines the way we think and act.
- b. There are two predominant worldviews – a godless one, and a God-centered one.
- c. Even within the Christian worldview, some can argue that the homosexual lifestyle is acceptable. However, Scriptures teach us otherwise. It calls us to be completely satisfied in Christ, and to be happy and holy in God alone.
- d. Let us learn to Share the truth in love, Stay pure and holy, and Pray for God to reveal Himself more and more in these last days.

### **2. LIVE IT OUT**

- a. It is easy to have a firm Christian worldview around sex but hard to stand for it in the public domain. Discuss some practical ways in which you can share your views in this area without being offensive and yet "loving the sinner while hating the sin"?
- b. We can unconsciously ostracise some minority groups (LBGT community, people of a certain race, etc,) by cracking jokes and making fun of them.
  - i. List other insensitive actions that we should stop.
  - ii. Just as God has accepted sinners like you and me, what are some practical ways we can communicate the unconditional love of God to the LBGT community without seemingly endorsing their lifestyle choices? Share your experiences, and difficulties faced in doing so.

- c. The church is to be firm and yet willing to embrace people with different sexual orientations. This is easier said than done depending on what pre-conceived ideas we have about LGBT persons.
  - i. Discuss what would be some concerns if a group of LGBT strugglers are attending PMC and actively involved in church activities.
  - ii. How do we embrace “sinners” and yet protect the church from harmful influences?

### 3. **PRAY**

- a. *“For me, the growing moral decay all around serves as a daily reminder of Matthew 28:20 – that Jesus Christ is with His true followers even unto the end. Worse changes may be blowing in the wind for America's children and grandchildren.” – Alex Crain, editor of Christianity.com*

Alex Crain’s words seem increasingly applicable to the Singapore society. As a Life Group, join in prayer for our nation, especially for our government as well as church leaders, who will need the wisdom and help of God in preserving the foundations of marriage and family.

- b. Is anyone in your group or circle of friends struggling with homosexual temptations? Pray for them, and walk with them in the difficult journey ahead.

### 4. **GOING DEEPER**

- a. Why doesn't homosexuality tendencies disappear when one become a Christian? How can discipleship (a long journey of obedience in the same direction) help a gay/lesbian meet his/her emotional needs and to overcome an unhealthy self-focus? [Quote: *“It isn't that faith in Christ isn't enough; faith in Christ is the beginning.”*]
- b. Read 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. Do you agree that homosexual practices are not “more sinful” than the sins of e.g. theft, slander, or alcohol abuse? Why or why not?

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