

GOD'S GOOD DESIGN

Biblical Clarity on Gender and Sexuality in a Confused World

<u>Class Description</u>: Despite the confusion in the world around us, the Bible is totally clear on the major issues of our day regarding gender and sexuality. Join us as we dive into scripture to understand the Christian sexual ethic clearly and explore ways to respond in a Christian way to the changing world around us. Watch the video below to find out more!

<u>Class Teacher</u>: Anson McMahon is the Lead Pastor of Emmaus Church in Buford, Georgia, planted as part of the Acts 29 Network back in January of 2011. When he is not pastoring, he enjoys reading, the outdoors, listening to Sasquatch podcasts, and cheering on the Georgia Bulldogs. He and his wife Heather have two daughters - Annabelle and Madeline - and a little white dog named Piper.

<u>Class Resources</u>: There are no required resources to read for this course, but we will be providing you with a gift to further your studies on this topic. When you attend, please simply bring yourself, your bible, and a pen!

Class Outline: Here is an overview of the topics we will cover through the class.

Week 1 - Sunday, January 7

<u>Title:</u> Homosexuality in the Old Testament

<u>Description:</u> Many in our world today view God and the Bible as old, outdated, antiquated, and altogether too restrictive for their lives. They view God's design for gender and sexuality to be something bad to be overthrown, rather than what it truly is, something good to be honored. We will begin the course with an overview of the Christian sexual ethic and an examination into the Old Testament's teachings.

Week 2 - Sunday, January 14

<u>Title:</u> Homosexuality in the New Testament

<u>Description</u>: Our world is confused about gender and sexuality, but God's word is clear. This week, we will continue our study of scripture by looking to the New Testament to see what it actually teaches on these topics.

Week 3 - Sunday, January 21

<u>Title:</u> Sex and Gender - What the Bible Says

<u>Description</u>: This week, we will take time to study scripture on the issues of gender and sexuality, answering common objections that have been presented against God's design. We will see that despite many attempts to redefine these issues, God's Word is abundantly clear on each one.

Week 4 - Sunday, January 28

<u>Title:</u> Is God Anti-Gay?

<u>Description:</u> In our final week, we will conclude our study by stepping back to ask the question that so many in our culture find themselves asking, "Is God Anti-Gay?" Though we are clearly called as followers of Jesus to take a stand for the truth of the Bible on the issues of our day, we are also commanded to do so with a gracious tone that reflects a sincere heart of Christian love. How can we speak with both grace and truth? We will dive into some strategies for how we should approach these issues in conversations with family and friends.