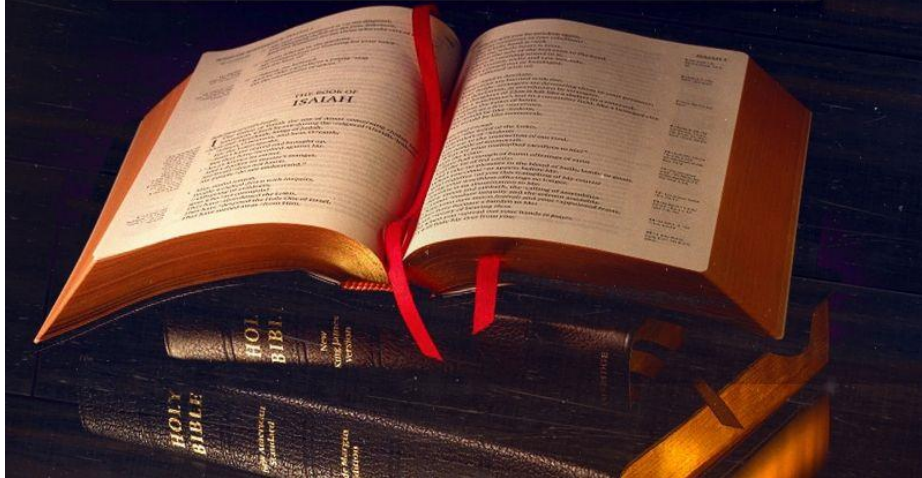


MAKING SENSE OF THE BIBLE



Then Peter began to speak to them:
“I truly understand that God shows no
partiality, but in every nation anyone
who fears him and does what is right is
acceptable to him.

Acts 10:34-35
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“Homosexuality and the Bible ”

September 22, 2019

Context: 1968 UMC Formed, 1972 Book of Discipline, 2016 General Conference, Special Session GC on Human Sexuality 2019, GC May 2020. September 25, UMC Next and November 9, Wesley Covenant Association

*The Word of God is **Jesus Christ**, and the words of the Bible tell us about that Word. Therefore when we study the words of the Bible we always look behind, in, and through those words for God’s Word – Jesus Christ.*

Jesus does not talk about same sex attraction.

In Matthew 19:3-9, Jesus addresses _____ not homosexuality.

Scripture and Divisions in Church History

1. Should we include _____ in the church? Acts 10-15
2. What is a _____ role in church? 1 Cor. 14:34-35 or Galatians 3:28
3. More than _____ scriptures affirm slavery. Exodus 21:20-21
4. Less than _____ verses of more than 31,000 address homosexuality.

*These divisions are about biblical **interpretation**, not biblical **authority**.*

What is your picture of God? _____

Old Testament

Genesis 19 & Judges 19 describe terrible _____ not homosexuality.

Leviticus 18:22, 20:13 are to set _____ apart from Canaanites.

Neither Jews nor Christians _____ the Holiness Code today.

New Testament

Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 1 Timothy 1:9-10, Acts 15:20

Tradition

*We should be rigorous in judging ourselves
and gracious in judging others. – John Wesley*

The Methodist Episcopal Church split in 1844 over _____.

John Wesley licensed a _____ to preach in 1761.

General Conference voted May 4, 1956 to _____ women.

Reason

Dr. Kyle Kaneaster MD _____

Experience

John 17:20-23 _____

Action Step: What would it look like to love _____
as you love yourself? Mark 12:31, Matthew 22:39, Luke 10:27, Leviticus 19:18