



JESUS

FOLLOWING
IN A CHANGING CULTURE

Community Group Discussion Guide

September 20, 2015

Week 2 | Grace and Truth

Selected Scripture

Introduction

This is a three week series in response to the Supreme Court ruling that legalized same-sex marriage. As with every moral issue we face in our world today, it's imperative to know what God teaches us in scripture. Not only in regards to the issue itself, but also how we should respond as followers of Christ to those who believe differently than we do.

- **Week One:** We hear from Andy Stanley. Stanley gave this sermon on July 4th weekend. Through the truth of scripture he gives us the perspective we should have as we seek to live out our faith in today's culture. He points us to our responsibility and the tremendous hope that comes with it.
- **Week Two:** Steve looks at the biblical teaching on marriage and how we should respond to those who define it differently.
- **Week Three:** Ed Noble, Lead Pastor of Journey Church in La Mesa, California speaks about the power of God's grace in loving those who don't believe what we believe.

Questions for Study

1. What has been your experience to this point with the whole issue of homosexuality and same-sex marriage? Do you have friends and/or family members who've said that they are homosexual? What have you experienced in the workplace? Have you been invited to a same-sex wedding?
2. Have you decided what's right and wrong when it comes to homosexuality and same-sex marriage? If you've made a decision about this, what would you say it is?
3. What questions are you asking? What questions have you been asked?
4. What would you say is your most pressing concern about the Supreme Court decision?
5. If you're opposed to the homosexual lifestyle and same-sex marriage, what is your biblical support for your position?
6. What would you say is your most pressing concern for how Brookside responds to this issue?