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Show Notes for
Embrace Webinar #11

Is the Gospel Good News For Gay People?

with Laurie Krieg

Webinar summary:

The word gospel means “good news.” But many have wondered: if God does not affirm same-sex relationships, can the gospel really be good news to gay people? This question is explored with Laurie Krieg, who compassionately equips the church with a gospel-centered approach to marriage and sexuality. Full webinar and resources available at <https://covchurch.org/embrace/webinar-11/>

Key takeaways and timestamps from webinar:

(3:19–8:30): Laurie tells her story of discovering the **good needs** God put inside her heart before the fall, her natural **default tendency** to meet her needs in ways that don’t glorify God, and her practice of **surrendering the satisfaction of her needs** to God daily.

(8:31–10:46): What is the gospel? Simply put: **All fall short. All are loved.**

(10:47–18:48): **Is the gospel good news for gay people?** It depends on one’s understanding. **Liberals** equate good news with a lack of suffering. But the gospel calls us to deny ourselves and follow Jesus to flourish. **Conservatives** have communicated the opposite of the gospel with LGBT people: your behavior needs to change before you receive God’s love. The truth is that the gospel is the good news that despite the fact that we all fall short, God loves us deeply.



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(18:49-24:10): **Disciplemakers** extend what they have received from God: seeing people in their mess and loving them as they are. For Laurie, experiencing God's love helped her **separate shame** (who I am is worthless) and **guilt** (what I did is not worth it) around her same-sex attraction.

(28:17-32:42): **God knows the best mode (singleness or marriage) that we are each individually called to as disciples.** From a surrendered space, Laurie believes that God called her to a mixed-orientation marriage.

(33:43-35:30): All have broken gender and sexuality. The **same standards** for gay and straight Christians need to apply for those who serve at all levels of leadership.

(35:31-38:59): Laurie speaks to **painful church experiences** when pastors/leaders cave into fear by being silent about LGBT issues or hateful towards LGBT people, rather than suffer with LGBT people.

(39:00-43:17): **Marriage is a metaphor for the gospel** unifying opposites, male and female, divine and human (Ephesians 5).

(43:18-47:46): While all bear God's image, God did not create us to be same-sex attracted. Every part of the human being has been **fractured by the fall**, although we don't all experience that fracturing in precisely the same ways. As disciples, we will wrestle with thorns in the flesh of different kinds.

(47:56-1:00:15): Practical guidance about coming alongside **disciples who are questioning sexuality and following Jesus.**

Selected resources mentioned:

Laurie Krieg's Podcast and writing: <https://lauriekrieg.com>

[An Impossible Marriage: What Our Mixed-Orientation Marriage Has Taught Us About Love and the Gospel](#) by Laurie Krieg and Matt Krieg