



[Christianoscopy]

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"Christians are Homophobic"

The elders and staff have been praying that we would all apply the principles we are learning from the "Christianoscopy" series. One of the main goals of this series is to help us understand that people are the issue, not sin.

Last week we looked at the subject of hypocrisy. We said it involves two things:

- 1) a standard – their sin is worse than my sin, and
- 2) an attitude – that leads to arrogance/being self-righteous.

Between last week and this week, how have you done with these two principles?

This week we are looking at homosexuality. We are not approaching this philosophically through all the different angles. What we want to discuss is the response of Christ-followers to homosexuals. The biblical reality is that homosexuality is sin, but it is no worse or better than any other sin stated in Scripture. Again, our discussion is not going to be centered on the sin (or its implications), but on a Christ-follower's response to people.

How have we as a church body (ARBC) responded to homosexuals?

Do we make our gathering a place where people are allowed to struggle with sin?

How are you battling the "older brother" tendencies in your heart?

Is there a growing compassion for people inside of you?

How have you as a Christ-follower responded to homosexuals?