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#4 – What If Someone I Love Is Same-Sex Attracted? *Various Passages*

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1. How does Luke 10:25-37 inform our thinking about if/how we should love those around us who are same-sex attracted?
 2. *Create a place of “redemptive grace”* (Galatians 6:1-2). What does this phrase mean? What does a place of “redemptive grace” look like? How is this related to our Harvest concept of “uncommon community” as reflected in the New Testament one another? What difference would it make if we lived out Galatians 6:1-2 on a consistent basis?
 - *By listening more than lecturing* (Proverbs 20:5; John 4:1-30). How is Jesus’ interaction with the Samaritan woman a model for us in this? Why do we often find it easier to lecture than to listen? What is so powerful about genuinely listening to someone, even (or especially) when there is disagreement?
 - *By speaking out against haters* (Luke 10:25-37). Why do you think there have been so many “Christian haters” toward those who are same-sex attracted? How is this frequently demonstrated? What should/would you do if faced with harsh comments toward the LGBTQ community?
 - *By practicing biblical sexuality* (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8). What is the biblical standard for sexuality? Why do we tend to emphasize inappropriate same-sex behaviour more than inappropriate opposite-sex behaviour?
 - *By clearing the way to that place* (John 13:36-38; Jude 20-23). What are some of the obstacles to people entering into that place of “redemptive grace”? How can we work to overcome these obstacles? What difference would it make if we lived according to the Motel 6 motto (“we’ll leave the light on for you”)?
 3. *Remember you need that place too* (Romans 15:7). How does Jesus welcome each of us? Make a list of our (negative) characteristics when we came to the cross. How does this reveal our need for a place of “redemptive grace”? What impact would there be if we more fully reflected Christ’s welcome in our treatment of others?
 4. *Do all you can to preserve that place* (1 Thessalonians 4:9-10; 1 Peter 4:8). Pastor Todd said, “The radical love of Jesus finds its fullest expression in his followers when they live out the truth in ways deemed to be impossible.” How is this true at Harvest? How can we work to make it even more of a reality?
 5. What is your biggest learning over the course of this entire series? How are you going to think, speak, and/or live differently as a result of what you have learned?
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