



## Part 9: Hot Seat Sunday

### INTRODUCTION – How We Learn and Grow and Change

- INTAKE (listening, reading, writing, follow-up)
- INTERACTION (with the information and with others)
- IMPLEMENTATION (turning knowledge into love)

### DINE IN – Seven Kinds of Questions

1. “Support” or “Accountability”?  
**2 Timothy 2:14; Galatians 6:1-4**
2. What’s wrong with getting drunk or high?  
**Ephesians 5:18; 1 Peter 4:3-4; Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 15:34**
3. Can Christians never go to court? What about child custody, etc?  
In all things, ask the question, what is the loving course of action?
4. Why is the Bible so down on divorce?  
**Matthew 19:3-9**
5. Why does the Bible consider sex outside of marriage sinful?  
Sex wasn’t designed to be the expression of only present love, but permanent love.
6. Why not marry a non-Christian?  
**1 Corinthians 7:39; 2 Corinthians 6:14; 2 Timothy 2:22**
7. Does The Meeting House really believe THAT about homosexuality?  
**Matthew 19:10-12**

The Meeting House is a third-way church, between conservative rejection of homosexuals and liberal undiscerning embrace of all sexual behaviours. We believe in the difference between acceptance and agreement and seek to foster a place where Christ-followers with different scriptural convictions can challenge each other as brothers and sisters.

### TAKE OUT – I’ll Have That to Go Please

Following Jesus will never make sense if we don’t start by giving up our rights, dying to our own agendas, and picking up our cross. Let’s exchange our “Ya but what about” mindset for “How can I love you better Jesus?”

Luke 9:23-26

### CONCLUSION – Something Almost as Radical as Grace

1 John 1:8-9

- For further research, check out the “Teaching” page at [themeetinghouse.ca](http://themeetinghouse.ca):
  - 2007: Let’s Talk About Sex (Feb)
  - 2005: Hot Potatoes -- Can Queers Follow Christ? (Oct)
  - 2002: Hot Potatoes – Is Gay Marriage a Step in the Right Direction (Nov)
  - 1999: Hot Potatoes – Is Being Gay A Sin? (Jun); Is Divorce Ever A Christian Option? (May)
  - 2005: Not Ashamed – Part 2: *Getting What You Want* (Feb)
  - Also see our church document, “*The Meeting House: Are We Queer Friendly?*” (posted with today’s message under the “Resources” link)
- For an alternate perspective on homosexual issues, see [www.gaychristian.net](http://www.gaychristian.net).

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<b>HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS</b>
<b>Warming Up...</b>
1. Think back over this series. Thumb through your notes if you have them or through <b>1 Corinthians</b> to help jog your memory. Can you think of any changes you have experienced in your thinking, attitudes, or behavior in light of this series?
<b>Look to the Book...</b>
2. Read <b>Matthew 19:3-12</b> . A) How do the Pharisees’ questions represent the religious loophole mentality? B) What question(s) might the Pharisees have asked if they were rooted in a love mentality instead of a law mentality? C) When it comes to ethical issues, does your mind tend to ask loophole (but-what-about) questions or loving (how-can-I-serve-God-and-others-better) questions? D) Use this passage to help answer the question, how is marriage different to dating? How does that difference relate to our sexual ethics? E) Why would God make marriage the context for sexual “one-flesh” union? F) Why might sexual sin ( <i>porneia</i> ) be the only thing that Jesus admits might genuinely break the marriage covenant? What does this teach us about sex? About marriage? G) Can you think of contemporary examples of the three kinds of “eunuchs” Jesus lists? H) How do the principles in this passage inform our discussions about i) homosexual relationships? ii) sex before marriage? iii) divorce?
3. Read <b>Luke 9:23-26</b> . A) What does picking up your cross symbolize for your life? B) Can you think of a time you died to something you wanted and yet gained more? C) Can you think of a time you tried to hold on to something you wanted and felt how much you lost in the process? D) If you were to practice this one passage wholeheartedly, what might change in your attitudes or actions?
<b>So What?...</b>
4. Take a few minutes to quietly meditate on <b>1 John 1:8-9</b> . Then talk about what you sense God is saying to you through these words and pray for each other.
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