

The Big Picture – part 3

Same sex marriage and the purpose of truth

John 8:31-47

1. What makes the same sex debate so emotive? Does a lot of emotion help or hinder conversations? Have you discovered any strategies for calming conversations when they get a bit heated?
2. On the back of the question sheet is the reading. As you read, underline any passages that speak about misunderstanding or demonstrates misunderstandings happening in the story.
3. According to John 8:31-47 – why don't the Jews understand what Jesus is saying?
4. What is the role of the devil in misunderstandings and deception (v44)
5. What is v44 saying?
6. What does Jesus mean that the truth shall set us free? Free from what?
7. How does the gospel make us free?
8. What if anything does this have to do with the question of same sex marriage?
9. Discuss this quote: *“You see the most important thing, the purpose of God’s truth, is freedom from the darkness within that manifests in all kinds of behaviours including sexual abuse. When everyone has become equal and discrimination has been totally abolished, there is going to be a big shock in our society to discover that the darkness in the human soul is still an ever present reality. That such darkness is not a consequence of discrimination, but that discrimination is a symptom of a deeper reality, of a deeper problem that we can’t afford to lose sight of in the rainbow euphoria”*
10. What do you think God wants us to pray for gay friends and family?