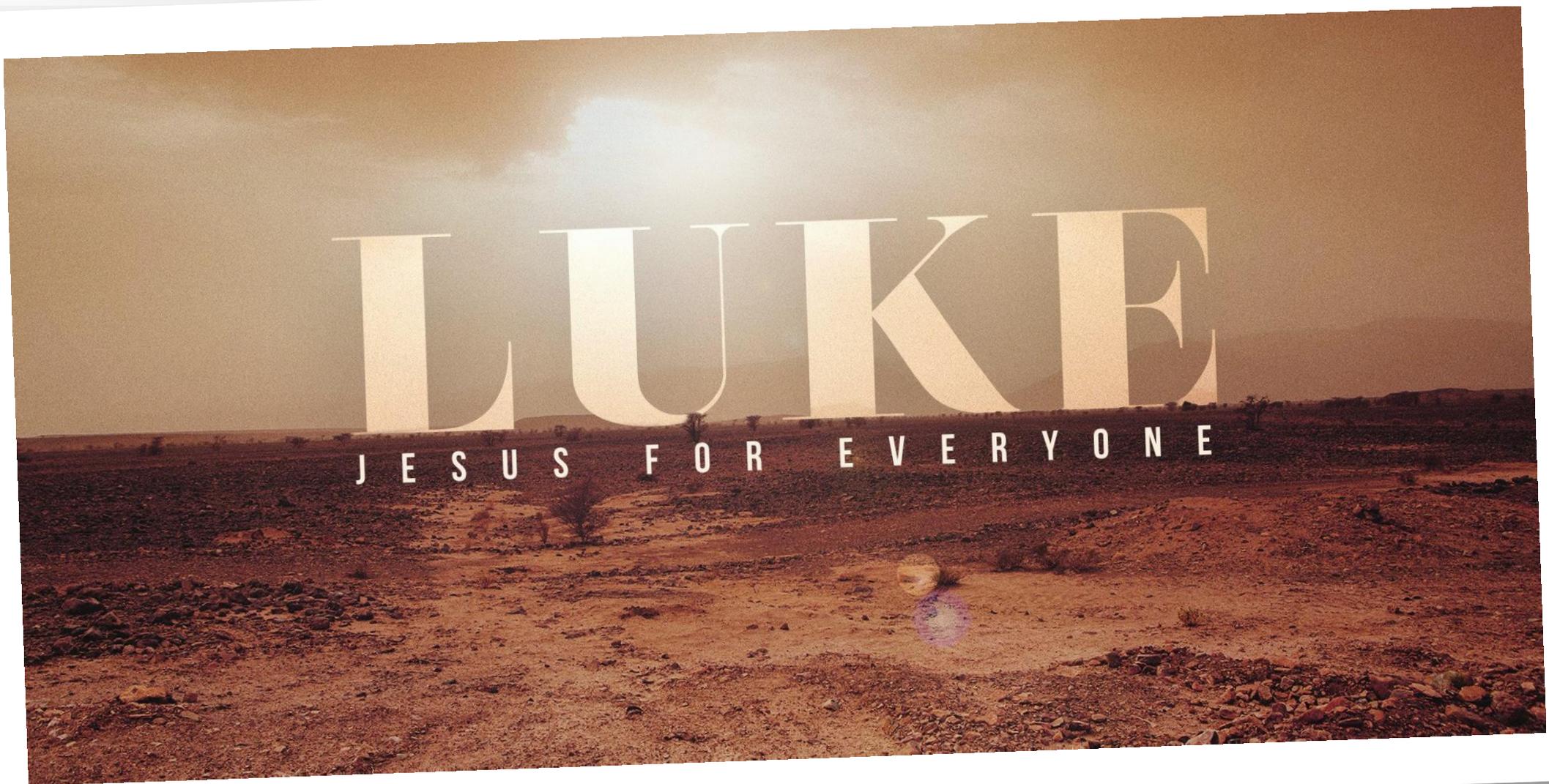


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PG-13 Warning

Some of the language around sexuality and LGBTQI+ people may not be appropriate for children, so this message is being rated PG-13. Please make the best decision for your family. There will be no visuals, graphic language, or graphic descriptions, but references to Scripture and the Conference agenda around sexuality will be apart of our message today. Thank You

Luke 17:20-21

²⁰ Pharisees asked Jesus when God's kingdom was coming. He replied, "God's kingdom isn't coming with signs that are easily noticed. ²¹ Nor will people say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' Don't you see? God's kingdom is already among you."

Luke 17:22-25

²² Then Jesus said to the disciples, “The time will come when you will long to see one of the days of the Human One, and you won’t see it. ²³ People will say to you, ‘Look there!’ or ‘Look here!’ Don’t leave or go chasing after them. ²⁴ The Human One will appear on his day in the same way that a flash of lightning lights up the sky from one end to the other. ²⁵ However, first he must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation.

Questions

1. Can anyone define the Kingdom of God?
2. Does Jesus define the Kingdom of God?

Important Years for UMC

- 1844 (Slavery)
- 1911/1968 (Women & Formation of UMC)
- 2019 (Traditional Plan)

Kingdom Questions

1. Is sexual immorality a sin?
2. If a person is naturally born identifying as LBGTQI+ is it still a sin? (MAJOR DEBATE)
3. How could it be a sin if they were born that way?
4. Is there a difference between looking at sexual immorality through the eyes of Jesus vs looking at Jesus through the eyes of sexual immorality?

Kingdom Questions

- What does it mean to be identified as LBGTQI+?
- Are you just attracted to same sex?
- Are you just looking for a community to be accepted in, if yes, does just being immersed in the LBGTQI+ community a sin?
- Are you active...?

Kingdom Questions

- Can a person be gay and Christian?
- Can a person commit adultery and be a Christian?
- Can a person watch porn and be Christian?
- Can a person be divorced and be a Christian?
- Can a person be engaged in fornication and be a Christian?
- Can a person be a murderer and be a Christian?

Only Six Verses

- Old Testament: Gen. 19: 1-13; Lev 18:22; 20:13
- New Testament: Rom. 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; I Tim. 1:10
- *Hamartia* (Greek) for Sin = Missing the Mark
- If there are only six verses than why all the fuss?
- Politics & Reductionism (World System)
- **World System is not the Kingdom of God!!!!!!!!!!**

Sexual Immorality

- Adultery
- Pornography
- Fornication
- Divorce
- Homosexuality/Gay/Lesbian/Queer
- Incest/Polygamy/Lust/Bestiality/Prostitution

Why a Big Deal?

- 4th Century Church aligns with Roman Empire under Constantine.
- The Enlightenment Period (Reductionism)
- Pluralism (4200 Different Religions)
- Legalistic and Libertine Gospel Preached
- Politics (World Divided) All = World System

Number One Sin

- There are dozens of Scriptures that speak to sexual immorality.
- But what is the number one sin in the bible with thousands of references? _____
- Hmmmmmmmm, what is wrong with this picture?
- Why is the church so hard on sexual immorality, but yet hardly mentions the number one sin?

Galatians 3:26-28

²⁶ You are all God's children through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor free; nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:16-17

¹⁶ So then, from this point on we won't recognize people by human standards. Even though we used to know Christ by human standards, that isn't how we know him now. ¹⁷ So then, if anyone is in Christ, that person is part of the new creation. The old things have gone away, and look, new things have arrived!

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

¹⁸ All of these new things are from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and who gave us the ministry of reconciliation. ¹⁹ In other words, God was reconciling the world to himself through Christ, by not counting people's sins against them. He has trusted us with this message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:20-21

²⁰ So we are ambassadors who represent Christ. God is negotiating with you through us. We beg you as Christ's representatives, "Be reconciled to God!" ²¹ God caused the one who didn't know sin to be sin for our sake so that through him we could become the righteousness of God.

1 Timothy 1:15-17

¹⁵ This saying is reliable and deserves full acceptance: **“Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”** — and I’m the biggest sinner of all. ¹⁶ But this is why I was shown mercy, so that Christ Jesus could show his endless patience to me first of all. So I’m an example for those who are going to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the king of the ages, to the immortal, invisible, and only God, may honor and glory be given to him forever and always! Amen.

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