

DEEP CONNECTION

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Mark 10:23-31

- Our need for community with God

- Our need for community with each other

- How to be a better family
 - Invite

 - Listen

 - Protect

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. What about Rachel's story did you connect with?
2. Rachel shared about how when she started to learn about Jesus, he turned out to be different from what she expected. In what ways have you had this experience?
3. Read Mark 10:23-31. This is a story about someone who was challenged to give up his wealth. How does that relate to sexuality and same-sex attraction in particular?
4. In what ways is obedience to God's commands about sex and marriage costly for anyone? How is it particularly costly for same-sex attracted people?
5. Rachel said, "The only way, sometimes, to obey when something sounds crazy, is if you unquestionably trust the one who is asking it of you." How do we come to trust God that much? How does this apply to our sexuality?
6. What does Jesus promise for those who give up everything to follow him (Mark 10:29-31)? How does this apply to following Jesus in the context of our sexuality?
7. Why is it so important that people who experience same-sex attraction find family within the church?
8. Why do many people with same-sex attraction not experience a sense of family in the church? What are the barriers to this?
9. Rachel shared ways to help the church feel like a family: inviting each other, listening to each other, and protecting each other. Go through each of those three things and discuss as a group how you can do each of those better, especially for people who experience same-sex attraction.

Prayer Prompt: Hold your hands out in front of you with your palms facing up. This is a posture of receiving from God. Take some time to thank God for what he has given you - where are you rich? Where have you been blessed? What do you need to receive from God? As you turn your palms over, release anything to God that you no longer want in your life or you feel God asking you to let go of. Repeat the motion of palms up as blessing and receiving, palms down for surrendering and letting go.