

## The Divine Equation

May 24, 2015

1. Pastor Mark stated that we need to know the facts of what we believe. Do you feel like you do? Can you back up your beliefs with the Bible? Was the sermon helpful to identify your beliefs on homosexuality?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 13. Looking at Pastor Mark's message in view of this chapter, how would God have us treat those who don't agree with a biblical view of sex?
3. Do we have to compromise biblical truth with a stance of love toward those we don't agree?
4. Is there someone in your life who is difficult to love? What have you found that helps maintain the relationship?
5. Do you have a relationship with someone of the LGBT community? How does that relationship work? Do you feel like if you have open conversations with them that you are agreeing with their choices?
6. Discuss Pastor Mark's biblical suggestions for how to love others when it is hard:
  - a. Build relational equity—the greatest of these is love
  - b. Avoid soundbites—Love is patient
  - c. Relate to the whole person—Love is kind
  - d. Keep humility high—Love does not boast; is not proud
  - e. Build bridges where possible—Love does not dishonor others
  - f. Lead with Jesus, not morality—Love does not keep a record of wrongs
  - g. Understand others underlying fear—Love always protects