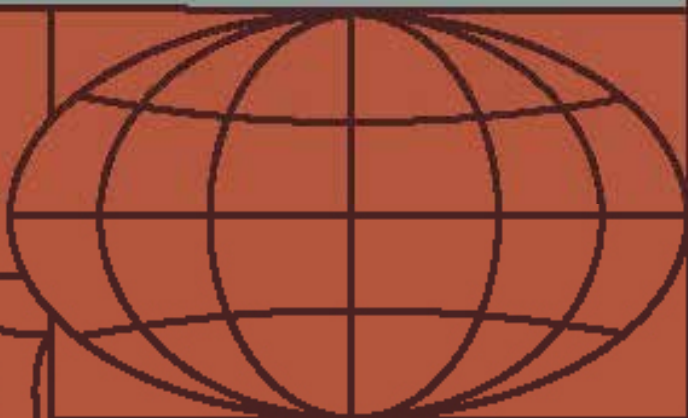


SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

# THE LETTERS THAT CHANGED HISTORY



SUNDAYS 8:30am | 10:00am | 11:30am



PURPOSE CHURCH

# WELCOME TO PURPOSE CHURCH!

Are you new to Purpose Church? We are so glad you are here! We want to meet you, answer any questions you might have, and help you get connected. Come to the Connect Center located in the Lobby after the service to meet our friendly team!

## WELCOME LUNCH

A GREAT FIRST STEP!

Are you interested in learning more about Purpose Church? We invite you to attend our Welcome Lunch on *Sunday, Oct. 8th, at 12:30pm* on the Community Terrace.

You will hear from Pastor Glenn, enjoy a free lunch and learn ways to get connected. Kids welcome.

## LIFE GROUPS

FOR EVERY AGE AND STAGE!

We were designed to be in community. We have groups available for every age and stage.

Come to the Connect Center after service or head online to [purposechurch.com/groups](http://purposechurch.com/groups) or the *Church Center App* to join a group today!

# WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER



## CHURCH CENTER APP

Download the Church Center App to connect with the life of our church.

View a list of current groups, register for upcoming events, and stay connected!

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## PRAYER

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# ROMANS: JESUS — OUR GREATEST LOVE

September 24, 2023 / Pastor Eric Holmstrom

## GOD'S GREAT LOVE STORY:

### WHY GENDER AND SEXUALITY MATTER TO GOD AND WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT LGBTQIA+

#### 7 THINGS TO REMEMBER WHEN TALKING ABOUT SEXUALITY, GENDER, AND THE BIBLE

##### **BIG IDEA #1: GOD IS LOVE.**

1 John 3:16, John 14:15

##### **BIG IDEA #2: LGBTQIA+ DEFINITIONS AND FACTS.**

##### **BIG IDEA #3: THE SEXUALITY AND GENDER CONVERSATION REVOLVES AROUND IDENTITY.**

Genesis 1:27, Genesis 2:22

##### **BIG IDEA #4: THE BIBLE COMMANDS A HIGH SEXUAL ETHIC FOR EVERYONE.**

1 Corinthians 6:18, Matthew 5:28

##### **BIG IDEA #5: CHRISTIANITY LIBERATES US FROM THE UNHEALTHY OBSESSION OUR CULTURE HAS WITH SEXUAL AND ROMANTIC RELATIONSHIPS.**

1 Corinthians 7:8, 32

##### **BIG IDEA #6: THE BIBLE CONSISTENTLY COMMANDS GOD'S PEOPLE TO NOT ENGAGE IN SAME-SEX SEXUAL ACTIVITY.**

Romans 1:24-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, Romans 8:18, 28, 34-35

## BIG IDEA #7: NEXT STEPS FOR ALL OF US.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Which of the 7 big ideas did you most agree with or disagree with and why?
2. Read 1 Peter 3:15, in what manner does this passage instruct us to engage in a conversation on LGBTQIA+?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 7:8, 32, does the Bible match or contradict our cultural obsession with sexual and romantic relationships? Why do you think that matters?
4. Does the Bible address same-sex orientation or same-sex activity? Is one a sin and the other not? Why? Which Bible passages support your view?
5. Read Romans 1:24-27 and 1 Corinthians 6:9-11, how do you interpret these passages? Are both same-sex and opposite-sex sins being called out as sinful? Why or why not?
6. Why do you think gender and sexuality matter to God?



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[purposechurch.com/sexuality](https://purposechurch.com/sexuality)

## JESUS ON EVERY PAGE READING PLAN

### September 17-23

#### Acts - Jesus: Our Companion in the Storm

Week 38 - Day 1	Acts 1
Week 38 - Day 2	Acts 2
Week 38 - Day 3	Acts 3
Week 38 - Day 4	Acts 9:1-31
Week 38 - Day 5	Acts 10
Week 38 - Day 6	Acts 15:1-35
Week 38 - Day 7	Acts 27

### September 24-30

#### Romans - Jesus: Our Greatest Love

Week 39 - Day 1	Romans 3
Week 39 - Day 2	Romans 5
Week 39 - Day 3	Romans 6
Week 39 - Day 4	Romans 8
Week 39 - Day 5	Romans 12
Week 39 - Day 6	Romans 15
Week 39 - Day 7	Romans 16:17-27

