

THE GOSPEL & SEXUALITY

A NEWSTORY CHURCH SERIES

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

Part 2: Costliness of Obedience

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- 1) Icebreaker question: How much would someone have to pay you to go back to your preteen / teenage years and live through puberty again?
- 2) Which part of Greg's story resonated with you the most? Which part was most unsettling or hardest to hear?
- 3) What are some of the ways you've seen Christians oversimplify the complexities of LGBTQ experience and Christian obedience?
- 4) What are some of the ways you've seen Christians overcomplicate the simplicity of Christ's love for LGBTQ people?
- 5) READ Mark 10:28-31. What does this passage teach you about following Jesus? Why is it so important to a disciple of Jesus?
- 6) "If following Jesus doesn't cost you something, you might need to reconsider whether it's actually Jesus that you're following." How does this statement line up with your own life right now? What does it cost you to follow Jesus?
- 7) Are there any ways Jesus might be inviting you to follow him in an even costlier fashion?
- 8) Obviously, the story Greg told this week isn't the only story of someone who is LGBTQ or same-sex attracted and wants to follow Jesus. What other kinds of stories should we keep in mind and hold space for as we think about how to love our LGBTQ neighbors?