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### Sharing the Gospel with Homosexuals

**Homosexuals are not beyond the reach of the gospel (1 Cor 6:9-11).**

No sin is so bad that someone cannot be saved. Those who have thrown themselves into the LGBTQ movement can still be saved.

**Homosexuals' greatest problem is their \_\_\_\_\_ against God (Romans 3:23; 6:23).**

Homosexuality is one sin among many, and a person's greatest need is not to stop being gay, but to turn from their sin to the Savior.

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