Sermon Summary: May 13, 2018

**Elephant in the Family Room**

**Sexual Identity**

* We are all looking for identity.
  + In a culture where sex is everything, your sexuality is your identity and to oppose one’s sexuality can be taken as an offense against the person themselves.
* There is a serious danger in letting one part of ourselves become the whole thing.
* The Bible links our sexuality with how we were created to be (Rom. 1:26-27).
  + Homosexuality is considered contrary to God’s created order.
  + Both actions and lust is condemned.
    - Must make a distinction between unwanted sexual desires and willful lust.
  + The fall of creation caused every part of this world and ourselves to be corrupted.
* Can you “BE gay” and “BE a Christian?” certainly not, because “to be” something speaks to your identity
  + However, there are certainly a lot of same-sex attracted Christians: People who say, “I AM a Christian, and I live with an unwanted attraction to those of the same sex.”
* Church should feel more like the waiting room for a doctor and less like a waiting room for a job interview
* You should give acceptance without approval.
  + The Bible is anti-gay, not anti-gay people.
* Jesus knows what it’s like to live a celibate life for God

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