

A Biblical Worldview and Current Messaging

Selected Scriptures

1. **Are You Truly Pro-Life?**

Evangelical Christians have been largely self-defined in cultural discussions in the past several decades with the description of being pro-life. Here are a few statements that are examples of messaging that is aimed at evangelical Christians which is becoming more and more common:

“We are to be as pro-life as possible, and that means no killing. By abortion. By Death penalty. Or of enemies even in war.”

“Pro-life seems to mean pro-birth for many Christians. Their care for children seems to end once a child is born and it disappears at the borders of our country.”

2. **How Do We Deal with Increased Polyamory (‘Consensual Non-Monogamy’)?**

There are increased cultural and legal initiatives to mainstream the idea of polygamy and other forms of sexuality. How should we as individuals and as a church respond to these cultural messages:

“It’s only adultery/cheating if someone is kept in the dark.”

“If you are open and honest, this is a god-honoring relationship”

“Polyamory is good for kids, it brings more support and ‘family’ into their lives”

“You must “distinguish elements of polyamory that are in violation of God’s will from elements that are simply culturally unfamiliar to us. When we want to lovingly call people to repentance, we should be precise about what needs repentance and what relationships or elements can and should be sanctified in Christ. We can acknowledge that many of the elements that draw people to polyamory - deep relationships, care for others, hospitality, and community - are good things.”

3. **Can You Articulate the Gospel Responding to Current Messaging?**

There is always a need to be clear about the gospel, both in your own understanding and in your ability to give an answer for what you believe (cf. 1 Pet. 3:15-16). How would you interact with this statement:

“The essence of the gospel is ending xenophobia.”