

DEAL BREAKERS

3. Dangerous Liaisons?

Start off with feedback from Sunday's message. What did those that were there - or those that have caught up online - take away from it? What encouraged them, what informed them and what challenged them?

This week is a little different. Instead of a regular Bible study, we continue the conversation from Sunday night.

- How has the issue of sexuality and the church – particularly in the context of same sex marriage – affected you personally? Has it made it harder for you to share your faith or easier? Has it made you less comfortable with your faith or more so?
- How did you find the interviews with Frank and Ed? What things did you agree with, what things did you disagree with?
- Frank and Ed had some similar experiences, but also some very different ones. They agreed on some things, but disagreed on others. Is it possible for us to be a community that holds together a range of views and convictions on this issue? If yes, how do we make that work?
- Our poll revealed that the vast majority of people feel that Christians have, by and large, failed to show love to the gay community? Do you agree? How does this make you feel? What should we be doing to redress this wrong? Do we need to repent, as Ed said?
- How do you want Metro to look and act in the way we handle the issue of sexuality, and the way we relate to gay men and women?

Big Idea: 'The church is called to be a community of gracious love and compassion, offering new models of family that provide welcome, nurture and belonging for all types of people.'

Pray for one another that we each handle the sexuality we have in a way that honours God. Repent on behalf of the church for the lack of love shown to gay men and women. Repent for the tendency to judge others in your own heart. Pray for people in the gay community to find Christ and for Metro to be a place of refuge, hope and salvation for all.