

Same-Sex Marriage Talking Points

A note from Pastor Kevin Lea is at the end of this article.

Strong majorities of Americans oppose gay marriage. Supporters of SSM therefore seek to change the subject to just about anything: discrimination, benefits, homosexuality, gay rights, federalism, our sacred constitution.

THE MOST EFFECTIVE SINGLE SENTENCE:

Extensive and repeated polling agrees that the single most effective message is:

***“Gays and Lesbians have a right to live as they choose;
they don’t have the right to redefine marriage for all of us.”***

Other simple statements:

- Marriage is between a husband and wife. The people of [this state] do not want marriage to be anything but that. We do not want government or judges changing that definition for us today or our children tomorrow.
- We need a marriage amendment to settle the gay marriage issue once and for all, so we don’t have it in our face every day for the next ten years.
- Marriage is about bringing together men and women so children can have mothers and fathers.
- Do we want to teach the next generation that one-half of humanity—either mothers or fathers—are dispensable, unimportant? Children are confused enough right now with sexual messages. Let’s not confuse them further.
- Gays and Lesbians have a right to live as they choose; they don’t have a right to redefine marriage for the rest of us.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Are you a bigot? *“Why do you want to take away people’s rights?”*
“Isn’t it wrong to write discrimination into the constitution?”

A: “Do you really believe people like me who believe mothers and fathers both matter to kids are like bigots and racists? I think that’s pretty offensive, don’t you? Particularly to the 60 percent of African-Americans who oppose same-sex marriage. Marriage as the union of husband and wife isn’t new; it’s not taking away anyone’s rights. It’s common sense.”

2. Isn’t the ban on gay marriage like bans on interracial marriage?

A: “Bans on interracial marriage were about keeping two races apart so that one race could oppress the other. Marriage is about bringing two sexes together, so that children get the love of their own mom and a dad, and women don’t get stuck with the enormous disadvantages of parenting alone.” “Having a parent of two different races is just not the same as being deprived of your mother—or your father.”

3. Why do we need a constitutional amendment? *“Isn’t DOMA enough?”*

A: “Lawsuits like the one that imposed gay marriage in Massachusetts now threaten marriage in at least 12 other states so far. We need a marriage amendment to settle the issue once and for all, so we don’t have this debate in our face every day. The people get to decide what marriage means. No-end run around the rules by activist judges or grandstanding San-Francisco-style politicians.”

4. What's the harm from SSM? "How can Adam and Steve hurt your marriage?"

A: "Who gets harmed? The people of this state who lose our right to define marriage as the union of husband and wife, that's who. That is just not right."

A: "If courts rule that same-sex marriage is a civil right, then, people like you and me who believe children need moms and dads will be treated like bigots and racists."

"Religious groups like the Salvation Army may lose their tax exemptions, or be denied the use of parks and other public facilities, unless they endorse gay marriage."

"Public schools will teach young children that two men being intimate are just the same as a husband and wife, even when it comes to raising kids."

"When the idea that children need moms and dads get legally stigmatized as bigotry, the job of parents and faith communities trying to transmit a marriage culture to their kids is going to get a lot harder."

"One thing is for sure: The people of this state will lose our right to keep marriage as the union of a husband and wife. That's not right."

5. Why do you want to interfere with love?

A: "Love is a great thing. But marriage isn't just any kind of love; it's the special love of husband and wife for each other and their children."

6. What about benefits? Don't gay couples and their kids need the benefits and protections of marriage?"

A: "If medical proxies aren't working, let's fix that problem. If people need health care, let's get them health care. Don't mess with marriage."

A: "The issue isn't benefits, it is marriage. Local folks can decide benefits. This is about the meaning of marriage, our most basic social institution for protecting children. "

7. Isn't divorce the real threat to marriage?

A: "High rates of divorce are one more reason we should be strengthening marriage, not conducting radical social experiments on it."

8. Are you saying gays cannot be good parents?

A: "Two men might each be a good father, but neither can be a mom. The ideal for children is the love of their own mom and dad. No same-sex couple can provide that."

9. What about older or infertile couples? If they marry why not same-sex couples?

A: "Every man and woman who marries is capable of giving any child they create (or adopt) a mother and a father. No same-sex couple can do this. It's apples and oranges."

Note from Pastor Kevin Lea: The above talking points were provided by Preserve Marriage Washington. They use strictly secular arguments appealing to the common sense and intellect of the voting public. Those who are aware of the true cause of this debate understand that the problem is spiritual and not just intellectual.

God defined marriage in Genesis 2. Satan is a liar and has been from the beginning (John 8:44). Whatever God calls good, Satan wants us to redefine as evil or bigoted. Whatever God declares as evil (or an abomination - Homosexuality) Satan wants us to redefine as good and wholesome.

Those who reject God will embrace Satan's definitions, even if they don't make any "common sense." Those who embrace God and His laws are amazed that there is even a debate about issues that seem like no-brainers.

If we keep the debate intellectual, without addressing the root cause (rejecting God and His word – Romans 1), then we will lose the battle in the long run. We must warn people that rejection of God will bring calamity upon our state and nation.

Along with the above arguments, we should warn our fellow citizens that God is an interested party in the debate and He will not tolerate our messing with the institution of marriage that He defined. I encourage people to read Deuteronomy 28 and Leviticus 26 and compare God's warning to what America is experiencing today (wars, economic collapse, drought, etc.).

If we do not repent of rejecting the God of the Bible and His laws/definitions, then America will go into the ash heap of history. The following warning to Israel can also apply to other nations who reject God:

*"If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD, then the Lord will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues — great and prolonged plagues — and serious and prolonged sicknesses. Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you. Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in this Book of the Law, will the Lord bring upon you until you are destroyed. You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.
Deuteronomy 28:58 – 62 NKJV*