



Bible Study – Dialogue 4
“3 R’S” OF SOCIAL CHANGE:
“*ROLLOVER, REACT, REFRAME*”
Based on Chapter Three of *GOD Is the Issue*

“His reply amazed them, and they went away.”
- Matthew 22:22 -

The Point ...

... of this study, based on Chapter 3 (and Chapter 4, Rule 4) of GOD Is the Issue, is to clarify the difference between defense and offense, and the importance of staying on offense(reframing) in order to make the God of the Bible the issue.

Warm Up

1. What kind of responses did you receive this past week to the question: “How do you view Christianity?” Did any of them surprise you? Did you gain any new insights?

2. When confronted with any issue, you can respond in one of three ways (apart from changing your mind):
 - Rollover
 - React
 - Reframe

Choose one of the major social/moral issues confronting our culture today and describe what it would look like to respond in each of these three ways.

- c) How did the Pharisees respond?

- d) Did Jesus accomplish what he intended? What evidence can you give?

- 6. Read Mt 13:24-30, 36-43
 - a) What did Jesus say should be our primary focus and what do you think He meant?

 - b) What did Jesus say we should not focus on and what do you think He meant?

 - c) Describe how that looks like in real life?

 - d) Explain this parable using the terms, “Rollover, React, Reframe.”

Think It Out

1. Evaluate the issue of ABORTION in American culture using the “3 R’s”.
 - a) Explore and contrast what it looks like on this issue to Rollover; React; Reframe.

- b) Under what circumstances might it be the right choice to “React” on this issue?

 - c) How do you think Jesus might reframe the abortion issue in order to help save lives, but also drive people back to who God really is and why it matters?
- ★ 2. Evaluate the issue of HOMOSEXUALITY using the “3 R’s.”
- a) What does it look like to “Rollover”?

 - b) Describe how Christians often react on this issue?

 - c) How can we “Reframe” this issue?
3. Evaluate the issue of “SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE” using the “3 R’s.”
- a) What does it look like to “Rollover”?

 - b) What are some ways we often “react”?

 - c) How could this issue be “reframed”?

Sort It Out

REAL LIFE SITUATION:

One day after Brad had finished speaking, a man stood up and identified himself as the head of the gay/lesbian alliance in the local community. He said, “The Bible never condemns homosexuality.” How would you respond to that statement and why?

Act It Out

Pair up with another person in your group. One person play the role of Brad. The other person play the role of the homosexual activist. Reverse roles back and forth a few times until you can respond with confidence.

Wrap Up

1. Suggested reading for this week: Chapter 4, Rules 4 & 5, of *GOD Is the Issue* (pgs. 83-96). As you read, ask yourself the following question: Why does it take so long to bring about real and substantive change within culture?
2. This week, ask three people *from varied backgrounds* what they think is the best change in our culture over the last 20 years and the worst change in our culture over the last 20 years. (You may want to have some ideas in mind in case they need a jump start in their thinking.) Again, do not be argumentative. Try to really understand what they are saying. Listen. Be prepared to report your findings to the group next week.
3. Close in prayer asking God to provide each person in the group with three great opportunities this week to talk with people about how they view various changes that have occurred in the culture over the last 20 years.

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