

Lowering the Suicide Rate

by Shane Idleman

The sermon emphasizes the need for repentance and turning to Christ as the only source of hope to combat the alarming suicide rates, particularly within the LGBT community.

Duration: 2:12

Scripture: Psalm 34:18, Isaiah 41:10, Matthew 11:28-30, John 3:16, John 14:6, Romans 3:23, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Galatians 6:1, Ephesians 2:8-9, 1 John 1:9

Topics: "Hope in Christ", "Repentance"

Description

Shane Idleman addresses the alarming suicide rate within the LGBT community, emphasizing that validating sin does not lead to hope, but rather, true hope is found in repentance and turning to the cross. He highlights the pervasive support for sin from various societal institutions, yet insists that the church's role is to guide individuals back to God and the hope found in Christ. Despite ongoing struggles, he encourages love and compassion towards those in sin, asserting that God's love and forgiveness are essential for true healing and hope.

Transcript

The big thing that's out there now is the LGBT suicide rate is alarming. And the reason is because validating sin won't lead to hope. Repentance leads to hope.

Point them to the cross. But Shane, they might still struggle. Yeah, we all still struggle with something.

Come on. You point them to the hope, to the cross. That's where the hope is.

Forty years ago they said the church, the church is at fault because they're making people feel guilty. You can't say that anymore because now the media is supporting sin. The government is supporting sin.

The school districts are supporting sin. Hollywood is supporting sin. Facebook is supporting sin.

Everything is supporting sin. And you have this voice over here, the church saying, hold on, turn back to God. You can't say, blame us now anymore because everybody's supporting sin.

But there's still hopelessness. The suicide rate is an epidemic. Why? Because you're running from the answer.

Turn people back to the hope and to the answer in Christ. That's the only answer. And you know it's true.

I have left people through their sin. I'm doing it right now with many who don't come to this church and struggle with everything from alcohol to homosexuality. Love them.

Don't judge them. They're still miserable. They're still hopeless.

And I'm still, I'm loving them. Why? Because my love is not supposed to replace God's love through forgiveness.

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