

# Pastor: Preaching Against Homosexuality Akin to Preaching Against Slavery

Twitter is still buzzing over what a Southern Baptist pastor said at the denominations summit earlier this week.

The setting was the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty summit. The topic: preaching about homosexuality in the **gay rights** era.

Summit Church's Pastor J.D. Greear certainly got the audience's attention when he started making comparisons between **preaching against homosexuality** in modern days to preaching against slavery in the 1800s.

With the hashtag #erlcsummit, RNS's Sarah Pulliam Bailey quoted Greear on Twitter as saying, "Preaching against homosexuality is about as popular as preaching against slavery in South Carolina in the 1800s."

Another tweeter, Ruth Graham (@publicroad) wrote, "@jdegreear compares preaching against homosexuality today to preaching against slavery in South Carolina in 1861."

So who is this brave pastor? Greear became the pastor of a church called Homestead Heights Baptist Church in 2002. According to his bio, he led a 40-year-old, plateaued church of 300 to re-launch itself with a new name and a new vision to reach its community and world with the **gospel**. Now, over 8,000 worshippers gather weekly, making The Summit Church one of *Outreach* magazine's "top 25 fastest-growing churches in America" for several years running.

*Do you agree with Greear? Is preaching against the sin of homosexuality today akin to preaching against the sin of*

*slavery in the 1800s? Certainly, preachers heralding these messages in either era weren't popular.*