

Conversation Guide

Gender pt. 2

Part 2 summary

- Unfortunately, Christian interactions with the LGBT community have often been characterized by harshness and cruelty
- Some now reject this cruelty by swinging to the opposite end of the spectrum to say we should affirm same-sex relationships
- Some quote Matthew 7:16 to say that denying same-sex relationships brings "bad fruit." But we believe the bad fruit comes from cruelty and idolizing romance.

1. LGB&T

2. Manifesto

3. (De)transitioning

4. Scripture & Stereotypes

5. Bearing Burdens

Discussion questions

01 What kinds of interactions have you seen between the church and the LGBT community? Have they been positive? Negative? Both?

02 Think of a time when you weren't sure whether Jesus would be enough to fulfill you. Did you look to something else for fulfillment? How did that turn out? Share that story with your teens.

03 Christopher Yuan wrote, "God never said, "Be heterosexual, for I am heterosexual." He said, "Be holy, for I am holy." What is your reaction to that quote? Why do you feel that way?

Diving deeper

Vines and Hatmaker use **Matthew 7:18** to say bad fruit happens when Christians do not affirm same-sex attraction. But we must read the passage in context, **from Matthew 7:18—21**. These sobering words from Jesus reveal that what *he* meant by "bad fruit" was the evidence of a life not completely submitted to "the will of my Father." So we want you to discuss this quote from Sam Allberry: "the gospel demands *everything of all of us*." What does he mean?