

Conversation Guide

Gender pt. 5

Part 5 summary

- Mandatory celibacy is a heavy weight for Christians with unchanging same-sex attraction; they need the love of a community to help them bear it
- The labels we accept for ourselves often shape who we become; this is true for when we make same-sex attraction a core part of our identity
- God designed us to be strengthened and refined by persevering during challenges

1.LGB&T

2.Manifesto

3.(De)transitioning

4.Scripture & Stereotypes

5.Bearing Burdens

Discussion questions

01 How did you react to the stories shared in this section? Were any of them surprising to you? Or inspiring? Share your thoughts.

02 Kathy Koch said that "consistent sin temptations" could actually be what is best for someone, because God intends us to be strengthened by persevering. Have you ever thought about perseverance in this way?

03 Has a label ever shaped who you became? How did that affect you? Share that story with your teens.

Diving deeper

Whereas some say that denying same-sex attraction keeps those who experience it from flourishing, **in John 10:10, Jesus says, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."** In other words, the Bible does not deny anyone anything that is essential for a fulfilled life. So, what does it mean to have life "to the full"? Does Jesus mean something different than what we tend to think?