

Compassionate Discipleship for Christians Experiencing LGBTQ+ Struggles

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1. Introduction

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2. LGBTQ+ - What do these initials represent?

- a. Self-sculpting our identity, which most of us do!
- b. A way to understand what is important to someone

3. How to understand Christians who experience LGBTQ+ struggles

- a. Brothers and sisters IN Christ who are working out their salvation (Eph. 5:1-2; Phil. 2:12; Col. 3:1-4)
- b. Brothers and sisters who experience sexual, emotional, romantic, or gender related desires that are against God's design
- c. Brothers and sisters like *Nikki and Paul*

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4. Discipleship pathway: what is their story?

Who is the person in front of you requesting your help?

- a. Story as saint and sufferer
- b. Story of struggle; the specific nature of their temptation and/or sin
- c. How they are stuck? How do they perceive they most need help?

5. Discipleship pathway: bring Christ and his ministry into their situation

a. Dethrone sexuality, gender, desires, attractions, and anything else competing with Christ.

b. Address beliefs connected to suffering, comfort, and mystery in regards to the Christian life.

c. Normalize the Christian life for them as you would for any believer: a *lifestyle of active faith and repentance*.

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* Please stop by our table in the exhibit area as we'd enjoy meeting you!