

*Homosexuality: Pastoral Response*

# Starting to Listen

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*Lecture Outline*

*Part 1 of 3*

## **Introduction**

### **I. Luke 10:25–37 – The Good Samaritan**

A. Priest

B. Levite

C. Samaritan

D. Christians

### **II. Practical Ways to Help Those Who Are Struggling**

A. Know the standard of God's truth

B. Be a community of honesty, not hurt

C. Honor singleness as a valid option

D. Deal with biblical concepts of masculinity and femininity

E. Strive for holiness and healing, not perfection and “change”

Darley, J. M., and Batson, C.D., "From Jerusalem to Jericho": A study of Situational and Dispositional Variables in Helping Behavior". *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*, 1973, 27, 100–108.

# Starting to Talk

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### **III. Common Questions Regarding Homosexuality**

- A. Why do we focus on the sin of homosexuality so much, and treat it as more serious in comparison to other sins?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Should Christians attend/support a gay marriage?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- C. How should Christians respond to a government that is moving to provide legal support to the LGBT community?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- D. How do we show compassion, but still communicate the holy standards of God in relation to sexuality?

E. Are people born gay?

F. What is the connection between pornography and homosexuality?

G. Can an individual be both gay and Christian?

H. How do we help Christians who are struggling with same-sex attractions?

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### IV. Call to Action

#### A. Develop orthodoxy and orthopraxy

*“We have too many Christians out there who are strong on convictions but embarrass the name of Christ in how they relate to the world around them. At the same time, we have too many Christians who are remarkably civil, but you would have no idea what convictions they hold.”*

#### B. Understand the conflict

#### C. Understand the developmental reality

#### D. Acknowledge the “scripts”

#### E. Address the questions

Mainstream Gay Culture Gay Sexual Identity Script	Average Evangelical Church Christian Sexual Identity Script
You were born this way	Silence
This is who you are	Heterosexual sex is yucky, dirty, and gross—and save it for the one you love
It's normal	Procreation (Gen. 1) & Recreation (1 Cor. 7)
Attractions indicate identity	Homosexual sex is an abomination and you need to just stop it! (Shame)
You are accepted and loved	You are accepted and loved

F. Identify the choices

G. Reach out to the family

H. Reach up to God

I. Lay out the options

J. Be a church that is ready

*“Churches should feel more like the waiting room for a doctor and less like a waiting*

# Books Dealing with Homosexual Issues

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## General Works

*A Strong Delusion: Confronting the “Gay Christian” Movement.* Joe Dallas. Harvest House Publishers

*Homosexuality & American Public Life.* Edited by Christopher Wolfe. Spence Publishing Company

*Homosexuality & the Politics of Truth.* Jeffrey Satinover. Baker Books

*Homosexuality and the Christian: A Guide for Parents, Pastors, and Friends.* Mark A. Yarhouse,  
Bethany House Publisher

*Understanding Sexual Identity: A Resource for Youth Ministry.* Mark A. Yarhouse.

*Homosexuality.* James B. DeYoung. Kregel Publications

*Homosexuality: How Should Christians Respond?* Richard F. Lovelace. Wipf & Stock Publishers

\*\*\* *Homosexuality: The Use of Scientific Research in the Church's Moral Debate.* Stanton L. Jones &  
Mark A. Yarhouse. InterVarsity Press

*Legislating Immorality: The Homosexual Movement Comes Out of the Closet.* George Grant & Mark A.  
Horne. Moody Press

*Same Sex Partnerships: A Christian Perspective.* John Stott. Revell Publishing

\*\*\* *The Bible and Homosexual Practice: Texts and Hermeneutics.* Robert A. J. Gagnon. Abingdon  
Press

*The Gospel & the Gay.* Kenneth Gangel. Thomas Nelson Publishers

*Understanding Sexual Identity: A Resource for Youth Ministry.* Mark A. Yarhouse.

*Welcoming But Not Affirming: An Evangelical Response to Homosexuality.* Stanley J. Grenz.  
Westminster John Knox Press

## Books for Friends & Family Members of Homosexuals

*Someone I Love is Gay: How Friends and Family Can Respond.* Anita Worthen & Bob Davis. IV Press

*When Homosexuality Hits Home: What to Do When a Loved One Says They're Gay.* Joe Dallas.  
Harvest House Publishers

## Books for Men Struggling with Same-Sex Attractions

*Coming Out of Homosexuality: New Freedom for Men & Women.* Bob Davies & Lori Rentzel. IV Press

*Desires in Conflict: Hope for Men who Struggle with Sexual Identity.* Joe Dallas. Harvest House  
Publishers

*Growth into Manhood: Resuming the Journey.* Alan Medinger. Shaw Publishing

## **Books for Women Struggling with Same-Sex Attractions**

*Out of Egypt: One Woman's Journey out of Lesbianism.* Jeanette Howard. Kregal Publications

*Restoring Sexual Identity: Hope for Women who Struggle with Same-Sex Attractions.* Anne Paulk.  
Harvest House Publications

## **Websites**

National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality – [www.narth.com](http://www.narth.com)

Parents and Friends of ExGays & Gays – [www.pfox.org](http://www.pfox.org)

*For more teaching by Ben Mathew on this subject, go the BER webpage:  
[www.biblicaleldership.com/same-sex-attraction](http://www.biblicaleldership.com/same-sex-attraction)*