

# Pursuing Christ Likeness in the Context of a Sexually Diverse Society

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1. We as Christians, and specifically, Evangelical Covenant Christians, find ourselves challenged by a diversity of opinions among us regarding sexuality and how it is to be lived out as committed Christians.
  - a) In the midst of this diversity, we are admonished in Scripture to share the good news of our Lord Jesus with everyone, and to make disciples of all who come to know Him.
  - b) In the context and realities of our society and culture, our diversity regarding sexual issues can no longer be ignored as we seek to fulfill our Lord's call to pursue the Great Commission.
2. I am blessed to have the opportunity to pursue the following topics over the four Sunday sessions we will have together as we seek to find unity of heart and mind in the midst of our diversity of opinions regarding sexuality, particularly as it relates to same-sex attraction and gay marriage.

## **Session 1** Sunday, January 8, 2017

- a) My own story regarding my experience with sexual diversity.
- b) What I think we know and do not yet know about the nature and sources of sexual diversity.

## **Session 2** Sunday, January 22, 2017

- a) What it is like for Christians who experience challenges where their sexual identity is concerned, particularly within the Christian community.
- b) How I think we can best respond to the biblical passages that are most often cited as God's perspective regarding same-sex behavior.

## **Session 3** Sunday, January 29, 2017

A proposed approach to ministering to all members, attendees, and seekers within our local churches which, in keeping with the focus of our series, obviously includes the full spectrum of the LGBTQ (etc.) community.

## **Session 4** Sunday, February 5, 2017

Issues that each local church will need to address in light of the social and cultural realities of the LGBTQ (etc) community.