

the consequences of IDEAS

Day 1: how do you respond?

read Ephesians 4:1-2, Galations 6:1-5

As a family or with a group of friends discuss how we should respond to the lgbt community. If you know someone who lives a lgbt lifestyle, discuss some of the ways you have responded to them and how those responses line up with these scriptures. As an individual, with your family or with a group of friends take time to pray about how to respond to the lgbt community.

Day 2: the same boat.

read Roman 1:24-2:1

This scripture clearly defines the sinful desires of the heart that will lead to death. As a family or with a group of friends discuss how difficult you have found it to not condone the behaviors of the lgbt lifestyle without being judgmental? Discuss this verse: "You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgement on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things." Pray together and ask for wisdom as to how to live out this verse.

Day 3: the agenda.

read Colossians 4:5-6

The LGBT has an agenda to normalize lgbt behavior. As a family or with a group of friends discuss how our culture has been affected through social media, movies, television, the news media and celebrities. Discuss the difference between arguing with anecdote (a short story about a real incident or person) and arguing with reason. What are some ways you can have open discussions with people about the lgbt lifestyle without being critical or judgmental?

Day 4: get afraid, get angry, give in.

read James 1:19, Jude 1:3-4

It can be easy to give into the extreme of being afraid, getting angry, or giving in to the popular culture. As a family or with a group of friends discuss some ways that you have found yourself afraid to discuss the lgbt lifestyle. Discuss times when you have found yourself angry at a situation or with an individual. Do you find it easier to give in and not say anything? Discuss some ways to overcome your fear and anger. Pray together for wisdom about how to better interact with people when discussing lgbt.

Day 5: is there another way?

read 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Jacob's Well Response

Wherever we are on our journey

We will walk together

Taking steps to

Know Christ

And become like Christ

As a church, how should we love the lgbt community without endorsing their behaviors and lifestyle without being hurtful and judgmental? As an individual, with your family or with a group of friends take time to pray about how you can activate this vision in your life. Take time to pray for those situations in which you find it hard to walk out this vision. Pray for individuals and families and friends who are struggling and ask for insight to walk along side them in their journey.

Next steps:

Further reading:

Gay Children Straight Parents: A Plan for Family Healing by Richard Cohen

Coming Out Straight by Richard Cohen

Out of a Far Country by Christopher Yuan & Angela Yuan

Same Sex Marriage: A thoughtful Approach to God's Design for Marriage
by Sean McDowell & John Stonestreet

Organizations:

The International Healing Foundation @gaytostraight.tripod.com

The Institute for the Study of Sexual Identity @www.sexualidentityinstitute.org