

Transforming Grace Series

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Understanding and Engaging With Fellow Believers Experiencing Same-Sex Attraction

1. Introduction

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 same-sex attraction

- 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, and/or romantic desires for the same sex.

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*.