

## **THE CHALLENGE**

### **How to Dialogue with and Minister to LGBTQ People**



A Seminar with Joe Dallas

#### **The Challenge is here.**

Christians are feeling the impact of the LGBTQ movement, but how should we be responding? What should we say, and when? How do we relate when someone we love says, “I’m Gay?”

Counselor and Former Gay Activist Joe Dallas will be teaching this seminar to equip Christians and Leaders to respond Biblically, effectively and lovingly to one of today’s greatest challenges!

**Session One**  
**Our Apologia: Why We Stand Where We Stand**  
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“What sayest thou of thyself?”  
(John 1:22)

- I. We are called to answer for: Who we Are  
Where we Stand  
What we Want
- II. “Apologia” Strong’s Concordance:  
“... verbal defense,  
a reasoned statement or argument.  
“Men, brethren, and fathers, hear ye my defense which I make now unto you.”  
(Acts 22:1)
- III. Creation  
We are Created Beings created with Intent
- IV. Corruption  
We are Fallen Beings coming short of Created Intent
- V. Culpability  
We are Fallen but Aware and Culpable
- VI. Commission  
We have a two-fold mandate to Evangelize and to Disciple
- VII. Compassionate Conflict  
Conflict is unpleasant and unavoidable, but it can also be redemptive.

“The servant of the Lord must not strive, but be gentle  
to all, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing  
those who oppose themselves, if peradventure  
God will grant them repentance according  
to a knowledge of the truth.”  
(II Timothy 2:24)

**Session Two**  
**Dialogue with LGBTQ People**  
**Part One: Know Who You're Talking To**  
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- I. Common Theories on Origins of Homosexuality
  - A. Inborn
  - B. Developmental
  - C. Spiritual
- II. Militant: Agenda to Normalize; Intolerance for Dissent
- III. Moderate: Homosexual without Agenda or Intolerance
- IV. Religious: Identifying as “Gay Christian
- V. Repentant: Christian and Aligned with Scripture

**Session Three**  
**Dialogue with LGBTQ People**  
**Part Two: The Questions You'll Get**  
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Our Threefold Commission: Know the truth  
Be Conformed to the truth  
Express the truth.

Question One: "Since people are born gay, doesn't that mean God made them gay?"

Response

1. The inborn theory has not been universally accepted.
2. A number of unhealthy tendencies may be inborn.
3. "Inborn" does not necessarily mean "God ordained."

Question Two: "Since lesbians and gays can't change, isn't it cruel to insist they be celibate?"

Response: When dealing with sin change occurs five ways:

1. Change from death to life
2. Change of heart towards God and sin
3. Change in response to sin
4. Change in heart and mind
5. Change in internal responses

Question Three: "The authors of the Bible didn't understand homosexuality, did they?"

Response:

1. Paul's education included breadth of cultural knowledge
2. Prohibitions are inspired by God without contingency.

Question Four: “Why do so many Christians hate LGBT people?”

Response:

1. There are Differences between Hatred, Prejudice, and Conviction

Hatred: “Intense hostility and aversion usually deriving from fear, anger, or sense of injury; extreme dislike or disgust.”

Prejudice

“An adverse opinion or leaning formed without just grounds or before sufficient knowledge; an irrational attitude of hostility directed against an individual, a group, a race, or their supposed characteristics.”

Conviction

“A strong persuasion or belief, the state of being convinced.”

Question Five: “Isn’t LGBT is the new civil rights issue””

Response:

1. Racists believe minorities are fundamentally inferior
2. Christians believe homosexual behavior is fundamentally wrong

“He that has my word let him speak it faithfully”  
Jeremiah 23:28

**Session Four**  
**When Someone You Love Is Gay**  
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- I. Primary Goals: Sustain the Bond, Join the Work
  - A. Sustain the Bond: God has Entrusted you with your loved one
  - B. Join the Work: God is seeking your loved one
- II. 3-Levels: Stabilizing Clarifying Dialoguing
  - A. Level One: Stabilizing = Safety, Hearing
  - B. Safety: Reassure, Express Desire
- III. Level Two: Clarifying
  - A. What we're wanting from each other.
  - B. Where our lines are drawn with each other.
- IV. Level Three: Dialoguing
  - “Help me understand your Process.”
  - “Help me understand your Position.”
  - “Is ongoing dialogue an option?”
- V. Process:
  - Communication
  - Consideration
  - Conviction
  - Conversion

**Session Five**  
**Answering the ‘Gay Christian’ Doctrine**  
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Pro-gay (or “revisionist”) theology claims that Biblical references to homosexuality have been MISTRANSLATED, MISINTERPRETED MISUNDERSTOOD.

**The Levitical Code**

Leviticus 18:22

“Thou shalt not lie with a man as with a woman, it is an abomination...”

Leviticus 20:13

“If a man lies with another man as with a woman they have committed an abomination; their blood shall be upon them.”

Revisionist Claim: “You’re PICKING and CHOOSING.”

Response 1: Prohibitions here are REPEATED throughout scripture.”

Response 2: Practices described here DEFILED the land, indicating their universal nature. (Leviticus 19:27)

Response 3: Some commandments are CONTAINED in the OT Law; others TRANSCEND the OT Law.

**Paul and Homosexuality**

**Romans 1: 26-27**

“For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature ... and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.”

Revisionist Claim: “There were not GENUINE homosexuals.”

Response 1: These men “BURNED IN LUST.

Response 2: No CONTINGENCIES exist in this chapter.

**I Corinthians 6:9-10**

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators ... nor abusers of themselves with mankind ... shall inherit the kingdom of God”

**I Timothy 1: 9-10**

“Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, ... for them that defile themselves with mankind ... ”

Revisionist Claim: The Greek word Paul used (arsenokooite) is ambiguous but probably did not refer to homosexuality.

Response 1: The term is a compound of “Arsane” (male) and “Koite” (bed)

Response 2: The Term is coined from the OT references to male homosexuality

“But if I were a Christian homosexual this one question would disturb me: Am I interpreting the Scripture in the light of my proclivity, or should I be interpreting my proclivity in the light of scripture?”

(Dr. Paul Morris)