

A two week series on our stance on LGBT issues

**Part One- The Believe, Behave, Belong Dilemma**

**Texts: 1 Corinthians 5:9-13; 14:22-25; Colossian 4:5-6; Romans 2:4**

**Intro:** Today's sermon is an unusual one. I thought that I would give a synopsis of what was discussed at the LGBT conference that was held a few weeks ago and explain, in a nutshell, what my vision is for reaching the lost around us.

Here are the questions that I will answer today:

1. Is the Missionary Church abandoning our stance on immorality?

The answer is: \_\_\_\_\_

2. What were the conclusions that were given at the conference?

\_\_\_\_\_ of the LGBT community were raised in church. Roughly \_\_\_\_\_ of them are interested in returning to church if changes were made in the way that their church dealt with this matter. \_\_\_\_\_ of those who would come back said that it had nothing to do with changing our stance on immorality!

3. What are some of the changes that they would like to see the churches that they left make?

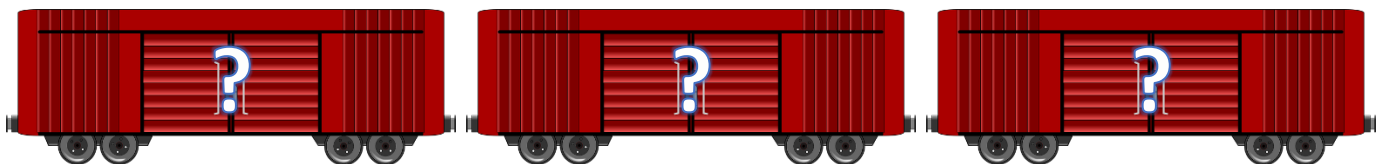
A. \_\_\_\_\_ to them and let them tell their story.

B. Ask them to \_\_\_\_\_ the words that they use, don't assume.

C. Be \_\_\_\_\_ in our treatment of people caught up in behavior that is not in alignment with biblical truth.

D. \_\_\_\_\_ them without compromising biblical truth.

4. What is the Believe, Behave, Belong Dilemma? This is how we are trying to address these issues raised by this conference.



Here is what I mean by each:



— \_\_\_\_\_ of saving faith.



– Having my behavior in \_\_\_\_\_ with God's word.



– Having the \_\_\_\_\_ that I belong here at NMMC.

5. What order do we put these in here at NMMC?

- A. We have different \_\_\_\_\_ of belonging.
- B. Everyone that attends here need to feel that they are \_\_\_\_\_ just as they are.
- C. The second level of belonging is \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. The third level of belonging is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:** Next week we will continue this series.