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## The LGBT+ Series #2

### **Meanings Matter**

**Intro and Recap:** Here were the four changes that people who were raised in the American churches, and who identify as LGBT+, would like to see made in their home churches. We addressed the first two last week and here is what we are doing to address the request for change.

- \*Listen to them and let them tell their story. (We here at NMMC encourage our members to develop trusting friendships with them. We should treat them with kindness. Jesus died for them as well as us. We talked about last week what Scripture has to say about how to deal with members who are actively involved in sin and is refusing to repent.)
- \*Be consistent in our treatment of people caught up in behavior that is not in alignment with biblical truth. (We here at NMMC accept anyone to come and worship with us. We have three levels of belonging and we do not single out anyone and treat them different from others.)

The two that we will address today are these:

- \*Ask them to define the words that they use, don't assume.
- \*Love them without compromising biblical truth.

#### **I. What do they usually mean when they refer to LGBT+?**

- A.** When a woman says that they identify as a \_\_\_\_\_ they are saying that they have exclusively same sex attraction. Do not assume that they have acted upon it!
- B.** When a man says that they identify as \_\_\_\_\_ they are saying that they have exclusively same sex attraction. Again do not assume that they are engaging in sexual relations!
- C.** When someone says that they identify as \_\_\_\_\_ they are saying that they have attractions to both sexes. And again, do not assume that they have acted upon it. Many teens experience peer pressure to identify as \_\_\_\_\_ so as to appear open minded.
- D.** When someone says that they identify as \_\_\_\_\_ they are saying that they feel like they are more comfortable with dressing and appearing as the opposite sex rather than the one they were born with. Do not assume that they are lesbian, gay or even plan on getting surgery to transition to the preferred gender. Many transgender people still identify as heterosexual!
- E.** \_\_\_\_\_ is your biological makeup: male or female.
- F.** \_\_\_\_\_ is how you identify through your attire, appearance, and mannerisms.

#### **II. Here are some thoughts on the struggle to show love to them and still not compromise Scripture.**

A. \_\_\_\_\_ that we can be true to Scripture and experience a harvest in this generation.

**John 13: 34-35; I Peter 4:8**

B. \_\_\_\_\_ temptation from a biblical perspective. Try to separate the temptation from the \_\_\_\_\_. Treat everyone the same.

**1 Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 4:15; James 1:13-15**

Just because someone has a temptation for something does not mean that they are doomed to give in!

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