

Navigating Questions and Conversations About Same-Sex Attraction

Leaders, recent statistics show that 11-20% of youth in the US identify themselves under the LGBTQ+ label. With percentages rising each year, we know there are students in our ministry, in your small group, that are wrestling with their identity. Hopefully, the resources below will help you navigate some of these conversations.

Important things to keep in mind:

- We do not affirm the attraction and/or relationship but we do love and continue to point students back to their identity and to the Gospel
- Our spaces should be safe spaces for our students to share what they are going through
- It is ok to move a conversation to a 1:1 with a leader in the hallway or other room
- Our team is here to support you. You are not navigating these conversations alone. You can always ask Nick, Andrew, or Amanda to join you in a conversation or to help guide you along the way
- Prayer is power - be praying for your students and praying for wisdom as we continue to lead them and point them to the Father

RESOURCES

- ["10 Things I Wish Every Christian Leader Knew About Gay Teens in Their Church"](#)
- [Axis articles like this one](#)
- [Center for Faith, Sexuality and Gender](#)
- [*Does the Bible Affirm Same-Sex Relationships?*](#)
- [*Is God Anti-Gay?*](#)
- ["Ministry to Gay and Lesbian Teenagers"](#)