

# Summer Evangelism

## Evangelizing LGBTQ Pt. 1



# RECAP of Grace Evangelism



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# Starting Place

- 2 Corinthians 10:3–5



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- Developments
  - Birth Control & Contraception
  - Divorce
  - Advanced Reproductive Technologies
  - Cohabitation



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- Strategy
  - Crazy
  - Sinful
  - Criminal
  - Subversive



# What Does the Bible Say?

- Genesis 1–2
- Genesis 19
- Leviticus 18 & 20
- Romans 1
- 1 Corinthians 6
- 1 Timothy 1





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Butterfield – *Five Lies of Our Anti-Christian Age*

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- Full affirmation/support for gay marriage
    - \*\*\* “Side A errs on its handling of Scripture, rejecting inerrancy, sufficiency, and inspiration.”



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- Sin is to be fought at the level of desire
- “When someone is converted, the indwelling sin of homosexuality must be repented of and mortified, even if it does not entirely disappear.” – Butterfield
- “Union with Christ is the central privilege of the Christian faith and the antidote to gay Christianity. You can’t place your life’s meaning in Christ and in sin at the same time.” - Butterfield



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- “Oh, well doesn’t that mean you shouldn’t be eating shellfish? Doesn’t Leviticus teach that?”



# Our Response?

- Take heart
- Fortify the foundations
- Catechize our loved ones before the world does
- Respond in wisdom with grace and truth
- Trust God and His Word
- Remember Creation is in our corner
- Preach the gospel



# Recommended Writers/Thinkers for Current Worldview Challenges

- Carl Trueman
- Albert Mohler
- Andrew T. Walker
- Thaddeus Williams
- Rosaria Butterfield
- Sharon James
- Nancy Pearcey
- Neil Shenvi



# Questions for Discussion

- What Christian graces help you in evangelizing this group? Why?
- What sin(s) must you, the evangelist, fight/overcome in order to evangelize this group?
- What Gospel blessings can you offer to the lost sinner?
- How do we (Christians/the Church) guard against softening our beliefs or growing numb to this sin?
- Share what you have learned when evangelizing LGBTQ.
- Pray for loved ones we know lost in this sin/community.

