

Questions & Answers About Life Together

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QUESTION #1

What is the LGBTQ acronym, and what does it mean to be queer?

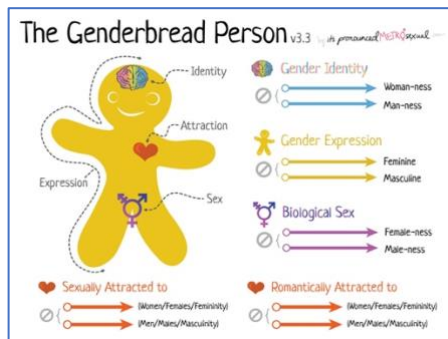
Hope: For you to be confident in using correct terminology around gender and sexuality, and explaining it to others.

Resources:

[Defining LGBTQ: A Book About Gender and Sexuality](#)

by Sam Killermann

<https://www.genderbread.org/>



Action: Complete the Genderbread Person worksheet and share with a close friend or family member.

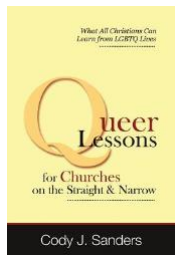
Reflection: What new terminology have you learned, and how has it changed your understanding of queer people?

QUESTION #2

What do queer people need from the church?

Hope: For you to be open to reframing your questions, moving from saving queer people to learning from queer people.

Resources:

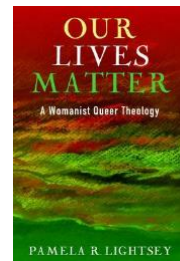


[Queer Lessons for Churches on the Straight and Narrow](#)

by Cody J. Sanders

[Our Lives Matter: A Womanist Queer Theology](#)

by Pamela R. Lightsey



Action: Choose either the Sanders or Lightsey book (or both!), and read the Preface (it's free!) on goodreads.com.

Reflection: What's something new you learned about the word "queer" (in Sanders' book) or the word "womanist" (in Lightsey's book)?

QUESTION #3

But doesn't the Bible say being gay is a sin?

Hope: For you to let scripture speak in new and exciting ways.

Resources:



[One Coin Found: How God's Love Stretches to the Margins](#)

by Emmy Kegler



[Changing Our Mind](#)

by David P. Gushee

Action: Choose either the Kegler or Gushee book (or both!), and read the Preface (it's free!) on [goodreads.com](#).

Reflection: What is something new you learned about reading Scripture?

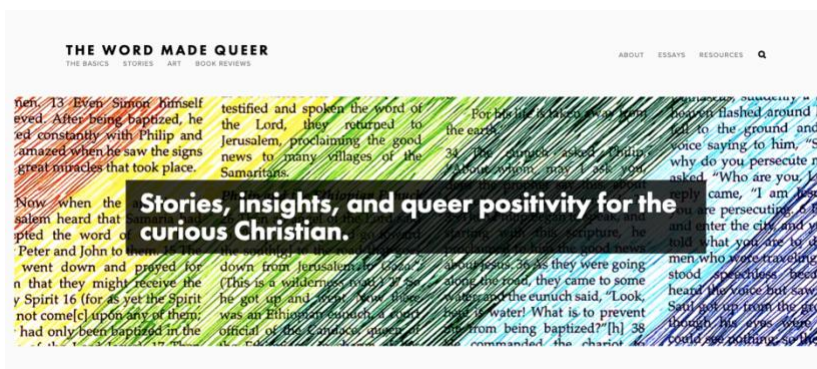
QUESTION #4

So, what does it look like to be affirming?

Hope: For you to create and celebrate space for queer people to share their presence and gifts with you, that they might encourage you in your own creative and embodied reading of the Bible and living out your faith.

Resources:

<https://www.wordmadequeer.com/>



Action: Explore the Word Made Queer Website; read a story, essay, or reflect on a piece of art. Who might you share this site with?

Reflection: What value do you find in these resources?

***Final Reflection: What will it look like for you to be affirming?
What changes or sacrifices might you have to make? What is your next step?***