

Side By Side

Progressives and Conservatives Learning Together from Scripture and Each Other

January 26, 2020 at City Church of Long Beach

With Bill White, Lindsay Flaming Yeats & Brenna Rubio

Why We're Having This Conversation

Old Testament:

Intro (Gen 19:4-5, Ezek 16:49:50, Mt 10:14-16, Jude 7, Dt 23:1, Acts 8:38)

Creation (Gen 1:27-28, 2:23-24, 3:16, 29:14, 2 Sam 5:1, Jn 3:29, Eph 5:31-32, Rev 19:7)

Leviticus (Lev 18:19, 21, 22; 20:13, 1 Ki 14:24, 2 Kings 23:7,10)

Marriage (2 Sam 12:7-8)

New Testament:

Intro (Mt 19:12, 22:29-30, 6:10)

Fruit (Mt 7:15-17; Gal 5:22-23)

Romans (Rom 1:23-27, 11:23-24, 1 Cor 11:13-16)

Arsenokoitai (1 Cor 6:9-11, 1 Tim 1:9-10, Lev 18:22)

Theology:

Cultural Equivalence

Law (Rom 6:14, Heb 7:18, Gal 5:6, Mt 5:17-18, Jn 15:17, Gal 5:14, 1 Jn 5:3, Mt 23:25, Mk 7:20-21, 1 Cor 7:7, 35-38)

Next Steps for Communities:

Disputable Matters (Rom. 14; Mk 7:19; Acts 15:29; 1 Cor. 10:27; Rev. 2:14)

Practical Recommendations

Side By Side Resource List

For full notes from today & (hopefully) audio recordings: www.citychurchlongbeach.org/sidebyside

Progressive Evangelical Material

[Torn](#), Justin Lee

[Changing Our Mind](#), David Gushee

[Bible, Gender, and Sexuality](#), James Brownson

www.reformationproject.org, The Reformation Project

www.theflamingyeats.com, the blog of Lindsay and Susan Flaming Yeats

Conservative Evangelical Material

[Single, Gay, Christian](#), Gregory Coles

[All But Invisible](#), Nate Collins

[Moral Vision of the New Testament](#), Richard Hays ([Chapter 16: "Homosexuality"](#))

www.centerforfaith.com, Preston Sprinkle's website

www.Spiritualfriendship.org, blog hosted by Wesley Hill

Other Material

The Genderbread Person at www.genderbread.org (defining gender/sexuality terms)

www.ChurchClarity.com (helping churches be clear about their approach to LGBT policies)

[Understanding Transgender Identities](#), James Beilby, Ed. (four different evangelical views)

[Embracing the Journey: A Christian Parents' Blueprint to Loving your LGBTQ Child](#), Greg and Lynn McDonald (they don't take a side in the debate; great resource for parents)

[Guiding Families of LGBT Loved Ones](#), Bill Hansen & Meg Baatz (how to love LGBT in family)

[Does Jesus Really Love Me?](#), Jeff Chu (a journalist interviews a wide variety of people)

<https://lgbtqconversations.wordpress.com>, (Bill White's blog about City Church's approach to LGBT)

Discussion Questions Post Side-By-Side

1. How was your heart and understanding expanded today - for this conversation and those who come into it from a point different than your own?
2. What elements of the conservative approach to Scripture & theology resonated with you as particularly strong (whether or not you agree with them)?
3. What elements of the progressive approach to Scripture & theology resonated with you as particularly strong (whether or not you agree with them)?
4. What did you resonate with as next steps for your community? Could clarifying what you believe is central v. disputable be helpful? How could your community listen better, be more clear, or be more Jesus-centered?