

Is Homosexuality a Sin - Discussion Groups

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Look at these three cases. Discuss your various approaches to these tricky situations!

Case #1

Your daughter, Alice, is 16 and doing well in the Sixth Form. She made a Christian commitment a few years ago but has stopped going to church recently. You generally get on well with her. She arrives home after college one day to announce that she has discovered that she is a lesbian and has a girlfriend called Tracy who is 18 and a hairdresser who has her own flat and a car. Alice would like to bring Tracy round to meet you. When they arrive, you chat and then Alice says that they are going up to her bedroom for a while.

- How would you react to Alice's announcement that she is a lesbian? What would you say?
- What questions would you ask Alice about Tracy?
- How would you greet Tracy when she came round?
- Is there anything you would particularly want to say to Tracy?
- How would you feel about them going to Alice's bedroom? What would you do?

Case #2

In your office you work next to Edward who you have got to know well and consider to be your friend. Edward is openly gay and has a partner called Nigel who has come along to social events and who you get on with and like. One day you find an envelope on your desk containing an invitation to Edward's and Nigel's wedding. Everybody in the office is very excited about this and they are all going to the wedding. They know you are a Christian and are watching for your reaction!

- Would you be comfortable going to the wedding?
- Should you go to the wedding?
- If you decide not to go, how could you explain your actions to Edward, Nigel and the other people in the office?
- What might you write in your reply to the wedding invitation?
- Would your response be different if the ceremony was secular or Christian?
- And what if Edward asked you to be his best man? !!

Case #3

You have been helping on an Alpha Course and have got to session 5. At the end of the session, Jimmy asks to have a word with you. He has decided that he would like to become a Christian. You explain the way of salvation again and are about to pray when Jimmy says he needs to mention something - he is gay! He wonders if this is going to be a problem in becoming a Christian.

- What do you say to Jimmy - is it a problem?
- Do you continue to lead Jimmy in a prayer to become a Christian?
- Is there any other advice you would give to him?