
Love First: How to Have A Conversation with Your LGBT Family and Friends

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1. Listen, Learn, and Listen Again

You Can't Love Without Listening

“Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.” *James 1:19, NLT*

“If you claim to be religious but don't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and your religion is worthless.” *James 1:26, NLT*

2. Words and Phrases to Avoid

Gay Lifestyle

Practicing Homosexual

Homosexual

Gay Agenda

Love the Sinner, Hate the Sin

3. Gospel First, Sexuality Later

“When I wrote to you before, I told you not to associate with people who indulge in sexual sin. But I wasn't talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols. You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that... “It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning.”

1 Corinthians 5:9-10, 12, NLT

Earn the Right to Talk About Jesus.
Keep the Gospel Central

4. Don't Be A Hypocrite

"We Christians Tend to Vilify the Sins
We're Least Likely to Commit"

"They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" *John 8:7, NLT*

5. Don't Be Afraid to Say I'm Sorry

6. Be a Safe Person

"Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." *Philippians 2:3-4, ESV*

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God." *1 John 4:7, ESV*