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lebanon, pennsylvania

**pastoral care to youth with  
sexual identity concerns**  
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**Sexual Identity: The Keys to Understand**

Key Terms    Key Verses    Key Responses

The body of Christ should be equipped to provide soul-care.

**Sexual Identity: The Keys to Understand**

Why use labels?



**1 Sexual Identity:  
Key Terms**


Words – and how we use them – mean things.

**Same-Sex Attraction  
Homosexual Orientation  
Gay Identity**

Yarhouse's Three-Tiered Distinction


**Sexual Identity  
Development**

When? How? Why?




**Sexual Identity:  
Key Verses**

Scripture – and how we use it – is relevant.



**Key Verses**

The preeminent Source of authority.




**Leviticus 20:13a**

“If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination.”



**Romans 1:27a**

“The men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another.”




**Sexual Identity:  
Key Responses**

Our responses should advance the gospel




**Key Responses**

Communicate Christian Convictions with Civility



## Use Descriptive Terminology

Words – and how we use them – mean things.



## Acknowledge Diversity

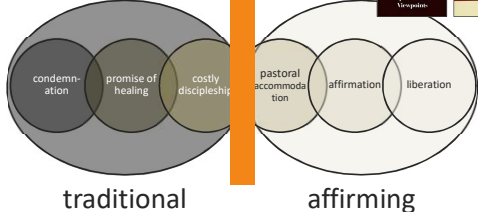
Be careful how proscriptively you label.



## Provide Support and Accountability


Love is a Verb.

six viewpoints within two views



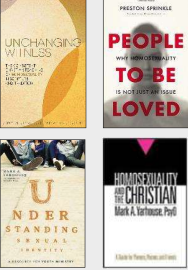
condemnation   promise of healing   costly discipleship   pastoral accommodation   affirmation   liberation

traditional   affirming



## Resources

- » S. Donald Fortson III and Rollin G. Grams. *Unchanging Witness: The Consistent Teaching on Homosexuality in Scripture and Tradition*. 2016.
- » Preston Sprinkle. *People to be Loved: Why Homosexuality is Not Just an Issue*. 2015.
- » Mark Yarhouse. *Understanding Sexual Identity*. 2013.
- » Mark Yarhouse. *Homosexuality and the Christian*. 2010.



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