**Small Group Guide**

Ice Breaker:

**Watch this 18-minute talk on a laptop or apple TV device**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0tojoknV2E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0tojoknV2E" \t "_blank)

*If the link doesn’t work look up:* ***Julie Rodgers: Freedom Through Constraint***

What stuck out to you in this girl’s testimony?

On Sunday’s we talked about how the church has approach this conversation with three different solutions: **reinterpret scripture** to bless same-sex relationships, hope that **same-attraction can change** and people can enjoy a fulfilling marital relationship with the opposite sex, or **celibacy**.

How did she walk through each option and what were her conclusions?

**Read Mark 7:20-23, Matthew 19:10-14**

How does Jesus’ teaching in Mark 7 and Matthew 18 address the issue of same-sex sexual activity?

How can the church best love and serve people who wrestle with same-sex attraction?

How can you become a safe person for a gay individual to confide in and trust?

After spending a few weeks discussing this topic, what questions still remain for you?

**Further Resources:**

See. Wesley Hill, W*ashed and Waiting*

Sam Allberry, *Is God anti-gay?*

Rosaria Butterfield, *The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert*

Eve Tushnet, *Gay and Catholic*

Peter Hubbard, *Love in the Light*

[http://spiritualfriendship.org/](http://spiritualfriendship.org/" \t "_blank)

[http://www.livingout.org/](http://www.livingout.org/" \t "_blank)

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/love-letter-to-a-lesbian> (for full article)

See **www.calvarybaptist.ca** blog post for links to other talks given by Christians who personally wrestle with this issue.