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Discussion:

1. How important do you think it is to differentiate a cause or issue from a person’s struggle? Is this useful?
2. Do you agree with Tim Keller that our 21st century American culture places too much emphasis on sexuality as the key to happiness? Why or why not?
3. Is it clarifying to break down the word “gay” into variations of human experience – attraction, practice, and identity? What is helpful about it?
4. The theme of the entire Bible addresses “self vs. God” and sexuality is one aspect of this battle. Is it helpful to consider the various issues of sexuality in the context of the variety of sins in human behavior rather than isolating one behavior? How does this expand your views?

*Recommended Reading:*

*Homosexuality and the Christian,* Mark Yarhouse, PsyD; Yarhouse addresses the clinical data surrounding same sex attraction. He has a Biblical world view, but the book comes from his background as a practicing psychologist. The ideas and framework are very helpful.

## [*The Secret Thoughts of an Unlikely Convert: An English Professor's Journey into Christian Faith*](https://www.amazon.com/Secret-Thoughts-Unlikely-Convert-Professors/dp/1884527388/ref=sr_1_1?dchild=1&keywords=rosario+butterfield&qid=1619623097&sr=8-1)*,* Rosaria Butterfield; Professor Butterfield is one story of a movement from a Gay identity to a Christian identity. While hers is not the only story, there are a number of convicting comments and helpful insights in her story.