



# untouchables : homosexuality

A person shares with you that s/he is pretty sure s/he is gay. S/he is a professing Christian in his/her twenties and s/he has no current sexual partner.

1. What initial issues of care would you expect to deal with? How would you minister to this person?

2. After a while s/he tells you that s/he has occasionally had sexual relationships with someone of the same sex. How would you discuss this with him/her?

## **Bible issues**

3. What does 1 Corinthians 6 : 9 - 11 and Romans 1 : 24 – 32 teach concerning homosexuality?

Are these passages referring to homosexual orientation (attraction and feelings) or homosexual behaviour or both?

Can a person be a Christian and homosexual?

4. What is the difficulty of applying the prohibitions against homosexual practice in Leviticus (e.g. 18: 22, 20: 13)? Compare some other unrelated laws in Lev 19: 19, 27. How would you resolve this difficulty?

5. What does God require in his word for the person struggling with unwanted homosexual feelings?

6. Is there a realistic hope for the Christian of reorientating to becoming heterosexual?

## **Other Issues**

7. The Anglican Church worldwide is on the edge of splitting because some parts (e.g. the majority in the USA) want to appoint practising homosexuals to the role of bishop. Some other churches in Canada have created a marriage service for gay couples. Is this issue important enough to split over?