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BRINGING GOD'S LOVE TO HOMOSEXUALS - YOU AND YOUR CHURCH CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Fred is active in his local church, a pro-life group and in other local ministries. He is HIV positive and an ex-gay. He had been active in the lifestyle for years before surrendering his life to the Lord. He has been active in our support group and still struggles with thought life, but is not acting out. His church has been a real support for him.

When I was in college, I struggled with homosexuality, but never acted out. I used pornography and had trouble controlling my thoughts. I prayed daily that God would take the desire away, but it did not leave. At the same time I was afraid to share my struggle at church. At Park Street Church in 1977 we did not discuss such things.

It was only after a visit to a gay theater that I realized I needed to get help. The Associate Pastor I talked with was very supportive and understanding, although he knew nothing of homosexuality. That was the beginning of change for me. I was able to tell others at Park Street and get help and support. Since that day all homosexual attraction has gone away. I have been in ex-gay ministry for over eight years, and I have seen many people come out of the lifestyle. We provide small group support and counseling for the struggler. Church involvement is important to healing. Those who grow the most have accountability and support in their local church.

What are some things that your church can do to minister to homosexuals?

1. Preach that change is possible. I Corinthians 6:9-11 is a good passage for that purpose. Also let people know that you are available to talk on any subject.
2. Show love to the person even if they are not ready to change yet. Let them know you do not approve of their lifestyle, but care about them as a person.

3. Have ex-gay materials available for those who are struggling. Have the number of the nearest ex-gay ministry available for referral.
4. Have an older Christian disciple the homosexual struggler. A good role model, a friend and an accountability person are important.
5. Invite ex-gays in sometime to share at your church.
6. Pray for the struggler. It is a spiritual battle and homosexuality exerts a strong pull.

God is freeing many people who are in bondage. Your church can made a difference in someone else's life. If you would like more information on ex-gay ministry, we would be glad to send you an information packet. Call or write.

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Some other ministries throughout the United State include: Exodus International, which is a coalition of ex-gay ministries with referral ministries in most states; Homosexuals Anonymous, which is a Christian 14-step group with chapters around the country. I can give you information on other groups.

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