

## ***Lead Them Home: A Guide to Help Your Church Love Gay People – in the Church***

Bill Henson, founder of FOTOS Ministries and host of Lead Them Home Radio, presents a series of ten monthly lecture and discussion tracks designed to equip church and ministry leaders to effectively care for and share Christ with GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender) persons *in our churches*. Below are session details for our Boston series running September 2009 through June 2010. Each session costs \$30 or attend all ten sessions for \$250 per person/couple. Session 1 is free! Ask about our group rates. GLBT individuals may attend at no charge. Bill separately offers a private half-day training program for church or ministry teams. Call for details!

### **Each Session Runs from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in Metro West Boston**

You must RSVP to obtain the location of this event. Simply email [bjhenson@gmail.com](mailto:bjhenson@gmail.com) to RSVP today.

#### **Sep 21 *Rediscovering the Great Harvest* (Free)**

On November 19, 2003, I shared my walk through homosexuality in front of 300 GLBT students at an Ohio college. Hours earlier, Massachusetts became America's first gay marriage state. This experience led me to leave a 17-year career to start FOTOS Ministries. Come hear the whole story and learn four concrete ideas to help your church rediscover the Great Harvest against the backdrop of Culture War.

#### **Oct 19 *Culture War Practices and Evangelical Divorces: Unlocking Why Our Kind of Love is Failing Christ***

Extreme voices distort the Gospel into a *gospel of hate* while solidifying the identity of our churches as *houses of hate*. We blame these extreme voices yet miss the many ways our kind of love fails Jesus. We take a provocative look at how our methods of battling immorality outside the church mirror the ways we end up destroying Jesus' kind of love inside the church.

#### **Nov 16 *Campaigning to Save Suicidal Teens***

We *double-speak* to claim that the homosexual life is dangerous because so many commit suicide while simultaneously claiming that gay activists exaggerate gay teen suicide rates to advance their agenda. When we apply the same passion we have for the unborn to gay teens, we find that statistics disappear as we are freshly convicted that a single suicide is one too many. I detail four ideas to help churches prove that we deeply love gay teens.

#### **Dec 7 *Teaching Families to Accept the "Journey"***

Pastors, this message is not for parents of gay loved ones *although they are welcome too!* This session is designed to equip you with two ideas for helping families overcome the silent but debilitating *church culture* that beckons them to limit interaction with gay loved ones. We cannot save suicidal teens if we don't cut off this church culture. This is an emergency!

#### **Jan 11 *Relational Orientation Counseling***

Church leaders often refer gay teens to outside counselors. While outside help is often needed, we cannot forsake our pastoral responsibility to care for gay teens *in the church*. Our singular focus on *changing* sexual orientation must change. We must focus on healing the *relational orientation* between parents and gay teens. We ask gay young adults to permanently surrender their entire sexual and romantic drive. They will need tremendous support to help them meet their relational needs in new ways. That foundation of support starts at home and in our churches. This session will expand the way you care...

#### **Feb 8 *Unbiased Biblical Boundaries***

Today we rarely hear 1 Corinthians 5 referred to except when "expel the immoral brother" is applied to GLBT individuals. Come learn ten principles that will help you pursue unbiased and healthy boundaries in your church or ministry. In this session, we consider the biblical basis for tolerance as an alternative to expulsion – does it work? Our exploration reveals a gaping hole in the church. Come learn what that *hole* is - and how to fill it.

#### **Mar 8 *Can Truth Remain When Love Must Bend?***

Biblical theology that cautions us against moral compromise is the same theology that calls us to radically love others. How can the truth remain when love must bend? A pastor and father of a GLBT young adult shares how the truth of God's Word stands up under the weight of his deep and abiding love for his own child. I call this *Jesus Doctrine*, which refuses to allow moralism to become the Gospel even while moral truth is upheld.

#### **Apr 5 *Preaching to Reach the Whole GLBT Person***

Or *sermons beyond six bible verses*. In this session, I challenge pastors to give a sermon to GLBT people that does not: (a) refer to Bible verses prohibiting homosexuality; (b) talk about diseases spread by gay sex; (c) refer to high failure rates of same-sex relationships; or (d) make claims that same-sex relationships are unsatisfying. The gay community is waiting: what will be your message? Come for a fun and creative night.

#### **May 10 *Nurturing Spiritual Growth in Gay People***

Pastors often say, "You cannot grow just sitting in the pew." Yet are we willing to allow gay people to use their God-given gifts and talents in our churches? If we do, are we condoning their sin or shepherding them toward Christ? There is no easy answer. I will equip leaders with a five-point framework for creating redemptive space for gay people to use their gifts in the church.

#### **Jun 7 *Raising Children With Healthy Identity***

The word "identity" has become synonymous with sexual orientation. Do our children have "healthy identity" just because they are heterosexual? Absolutely not. Come learn three techniques for growing healthy identity in children.

***Please RSVP no later than 3:00pm the day of each session. Advance RSVPs are appreciated! To reserve your spot and obtain details, simply pay your fee at <http://fishontheotherside.org>.***



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A Guide to Help Your Church Love Gay People - in the Church!

From the heart of America's first gay marriage state comes a fresh evangelical voice offering an innovative and biblically sound plan to help churches love gay people. Bill Henson is dedicated to extending Christ's love to the gay community while equipping evangelical churches and paraministries to welcome, love and care for all GLBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender) people.

Does truth collapse when we get passionate about compassion? Or can compassion build a bridge toward biblical truth? Bill's ministry offers a ground-breaking guide to help Christians dramatically enhance the way they share Christ with and extend care to gay people in the church.

Bill introduces a new evangelistic and pastoral care metric he calls *Jesus Doctrine*. Jesus Doctrine never negates moral doctrine but neither does it allow moralism to become the Gospel. Rather, it enhances the possibilities for GLBT people to meaningfully encounter the presence of Jesus in us.

This is not just about gay people. When we learn to care for those we have often failed to value, we gain vital Kingdom-advancing insights for reaching our broader culture. Bill speaks at churches, conferences and campuses across the US. Invite him to visit your ministry today!

Now is the time to prove our love through our actions, the time for us to *lead them home* to Jesus.

**Catch Bill's featured seminar at Urbana in St. Louis December 27-31, 2009**

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