



The Healing Stream

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THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY—A NEW URBAN MISSION

BY BOB HONEYSETT

In the many years we've run this ministry, one of our core goals has been to provide training to churches regarding the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning issues that have become part of our everyday lives. There has been so much training and outreach in years past as churches and ministries have sought to reach their communities. Yet, the gay community is still largely ignored. The urban missions emphasis of years past has targeted the homeless, the poor, the hungry, drug-addicted, alcohol-afflicted, but few have been bold enough to reach out to the gay and lesbian populations at their doorstep. Clearly, we are commanded to preach the Gospel to ALL, so something has to change.

Earlier this year, we sensed a burden to create a curriculum to equip pastors, leaders, and churches to understand and reach this people group. In August, we launched a new teaching series at our home church, Clearwater First Assembly of God, entitled; **"21st Century Missions - Reaching the LGBTQ Community."** The response has been AMAZING!

Each Wednesday night we've been blessed with people hungry for teaching on how to help the broken and hurting in their midst. In addition to live worship (thanks to Pastor Ken Hope), and teaching, we've also been blessed with live testimonies of men and women who have walked away from homosexuality. It is one of the most powerful classes we've ever facilitated. To God be the Glory!



Participants experience the presence of the Lord through worship led by Pastor Ken Hope.

Power For the Journey

"Be not afraid, nor dismayed by reason of the great multitude. The battle is not yours but God's.

(2 Chronicles 20:15)

"He has not given us a Spirit of fear but of power, and of love and of a sound mind."

(2 Timothy 1:7)

"All who call on the name of the Lord will be saved."

(Romans 10:13)


Lead Pastor, Jeff Rudolph, and Executive Pastor, Ken Hope, also attended the weekly sessions. You'll find some of their feedback on the next page. By the time you read this, we will be nearing the last of the eight sessions. Please keep us and our church in prayer. God has equipped the hearts of our participants to reach out to broken hearts in a greater way. Pray that the Lord will lead them into God-appointed, Spirit-filled encounters as they complete the teaching series.

Pray also that the Lord will lead other pastors and leaders to step out with boldness as it relates to reaching out to people struggling with same-sex attractions. This class is being offered to churches in different formats and time-frames, so we can tailor it to fit multiple weekly sessions, or in a one or two day seminar format.

In this day and age, ignorance is not from lack of resources. That's a hard word, and I DO understand the challenges that this culture has placed on pastors and churches. However, now is not the time to cower or hold back in fear. The enemy has advanced his cause. It is time that we stand united, in His strength, and do the work of the Gospel to His glory.

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Lead Pastor Jeff Rudolph
First Assembly of God—Clearwater




“As a Pastor who has always tried to be relevant to our culture and to our church body, I can’t think of a more relevant subject matter today than issues with our sexuality.

Rev. Bob & Rev. Phyllis Honeysett have presented a very compelling teaching to our church that has opened our minds and hearts to this serious subject matter. I personally have learned much through their sessions, and the personal testimonies of God’s power at work in the lives of former homosexuals is outstanding.

I strongly urge every Pastor and Christian Leader to consider having the Honeysetts come to their church or group to host this seminar.”

Executive Pastor Ken Hope
First Assembly of God—Clearwater



“What a joy and privilege it is to have in our church fellowship and family Rev. Bob & Rev. Phyllis Honeysett. They are truly precious gifts to the Body of Christ with an extremely relevant and vital ministry call to help the Church deal with the issue of homosexuality. Their ministry wonderfully presents how to truly BE the church in loving people into the Kingdom of God.

Bob & Phyllis’ presentation along with guest testimonials each week was so helpful and touching, revealing the heart of God in expressing how we are to embrace and love those in the homosexual community without compromise and without hesitation. Words could never fully express the importance I feel this message from the Honeysetts is to reach the Church so that we can successfully reach those in our world.”

We couldn’t have done it alone! Many thanks to our friends at **New Hearts Outreach** in Tampa, FL for joining with us to make this class a success. *“We overcome the devil by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony...” (Rev. 12:11)*



Mark Culligan
 Founder & CEO



William Dobson



“Treasure” Fennell



21st Century Missions - Reaching the LGBTQ Community

The purpose of this class is to provide a Christ-centered approach to understanding the nature of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning community, and how to redemptively love those that Christ has called us to reach for His kingdom.

This seminar/class covers the following topics:

Understanding the LGBTQ Community
 Definitions of LGBTQ
 How We Got Here - Timeline of Events
 Lessons the Church Can Learn From the Gay Community
 The “Gay Christian” Movement & the Gay Church
 Pro-Gay Theology

Understanding the Issue
 What the Bible says and Doesn’t Say
 What is Homosexuality?
 Root Issues – Men & Women
 What is Gender Identity Disorder (Transgender)?

Understanding the Confusion
 Exploring Common Arguments - *Is it a Choice? Born this way? Are you a homophobe? What’s wrong with same-sex marriage?*

From Understanding to Action
 Acceptance Versus Approval
 Grace and Truth, Compassion Without Compromise
 The Response of the Church

If you would be interested in hosting this teaching session (or know someone who would) please contact us today for more information. The sessions can be customized to meet the needs of your specific audience. **GET EQUIPPED** and let God do the rest!