

WE NEED TO TALK: A Conversation about Homosexuality & the Asian American Christian Church

Today's Asian American Christian church seems to have unofficially adopted the military's slogan of "don't ask, don't tell" when it comes to the issue of sexual orientation. This discussion will be an attempt to break that silence, to explore the truths that are revealed in the personal stories of gay Christians and their families. Their struggles, their searches for a place amongst fellow believers, might sharpen our picture of who we are as a faith community and how Jesus might be calling us to compassionately respond.

Three old friends – two straight and one gay – will engage in a conversation that needs to happen more often in order to dispel ignorance, quell fear and hatred, and foster greater understanding. Debate about scriptural interpretation or scientific evidence is not within the scope of this dialogue. It is not our intent to resolve this highly complex issue. Though we may ultimately arrive at different conclusions, at the very least, we need to break the awful silence in our churches surrounding this subject. We really need to talk.

If you have a friend or loved one who is gay, or you are gay yourself, or you are a Christian who is concerned about this issue, please join us in this much needed and long-awaited dialogue. Please remember that this will be about fostering a conversation, not conversion.

DATE: Saturday, May 10, 2008

TIME: 7:00-9:30pm

PLACE: Evergreen Baptist Church of Los Angeles
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