

Christians Offer Advice on Navigating and Ministering Two Different Worldviews

Members of the LGBTQ community often clash with Christians over the biblical stance against homosexuality.

Following a recent tragedy in Colorado, ex-gays, who are Christians, are offering advice on how to navigate and minister when two very different worldviews collide.

Mass Shooting at 'Club Q'

The Colorado Springs gay nightclub known as "Club Q" remains closed—due to a mass shooting there that took the lives of five people.

A memorial remains in the form of poster-sized tributes to the men and women gunned down in November.

"I see the pictures, and I see their faces, and it reminds me of all the people that are missing them, all the people that knew them and are grieving them and will continue to grieve them for the rest of their days," Christy Summers of the organization, Restored Hope Network, told CBN News.

"It's very, very sad," she added.

"We listened well, and then said, 'Hey, you're hurting pretty bad—can I pray for you?' And she immediately said, 'Yes,' and put her arm around me. I prayed for her," shared Anne Edward, the executive director of Restored Hope Network.

Edward and Summers ministered to those grieving after the Club Q shooting.

How to Minister to the LGBTQ Community

In terms of how Christians can offer help and minister when two very different worldviews exist, all three offer advice:

“I think people were grieved about this shooting, and most people don’t know what to do about it, and I think the best thing they can do is, if they know somebody who is gay-, lesbian-, transgender-identified, is just to reach out with love and comfort, and say, ‘I love you and God loves you, and if you ever need anything, come and talk to me,’” said Johnston.

“I think it’s really important for believers to interact with people in the LGBT community not first about sin, but rather about their need for Jesus,” Edward shared. “What are the deeper, bigger things happening in the person’s life? Are they really truly at peace with God? Are they at peace with themselves?”

“We have to be willing to see our own prejudices,” said Summers. “We have to be willing to look at ourselves and go, ‘Okay, now Lord Jesus, what is it that I need to repent from? What beliefs have I been holding onto that really aren’t true about the LGBTQ community and what they are experiencing and what they are going through?’”

“There’s pain in the LGBTQ community that I think is not always understood by the Christian community,” Summers added.

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