



# **Central Conversations:**

## **Culture, Sexuality & Scripture**

**Feb 6 - 27**

**Wednesdays 6:15pm - 7:10pm**

**Childcare Provided**



# Welcome

## Things We Want You to Know

1. This is a difficult and complex issue.
2. We are not experts.
3. This is a family conversation.
4. We won't all agree, but we can all love each other.
5. A new hot topic will come along.



# Conversation Guidelines

- **Respect people, even as you critique their opinions.**
- **What is self-evident to you isn't always self-evident to another person.**
- **Talk to people, not at people.**
- **Seek to understand before being understood.**
- **When appealing to tradition, remember not everyone shares or interprets that tradition in the same way.**
- **Don't paint opponents with too broad a brush.**
- **We like humor, but it is rarely helpful in these discussions.**
- **Disagreement is not hate**



# Scriptural Principles

1. We are to bear one another's burdens.

“Bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the love of Christ.” - Galatians 6:2

2. We are called to love God and love our neighbor.

“‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

—Matthew 22:37,38 (NRSV)



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2. We are called to love God and love our neighbor.
3. Jesus calls us to compassion and not self-righteousness. We need to see people as Jesus saw people.



# Overview

Feb 6 A Way Forward - Rev. Wil Cantrell

Feb 13 Repentance and Definition of Terms

Feb 20 Interpreting Scripture

Feb 27 Where do We go from Here?





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