



LGBT in a Bethel Sozo session.

We have been asked where do gender issues come in a Sozo session.

Firstly, as a principle we encourage teams to make a Sozo session available to anyone regardless of their spirituality or lifestyle.

We are not bringing our perspective of someone's issues to a Sozo session. Our job is to get them better connected with the Godhead, who shares His agenda with them. At no point are we telling them anything is wrong – they get all their information from their own conversation with the Godhead.

If the individual initiates conversation about their sexuality then we will, as always, encourage them to seek the Godhead's view and pray according to what He says to them - and what they say to the minister.

The Sozo host will ask "is the sexual issues door open" and we work with whatever they give us – be it a yes or a no.

Where you go with a "yes" would depend on what they hear God tell them.

Just as we would with any aspect of the session, what follows an open door may typically involve one or more of forgiveness, repentance, renouncing, soul ties or a combination of any of these and / or the other Sozo tools.

A personal Sozo session is not the place for a minister to initiate a subject for conversation. Sozo belongs in a church's pastoral "tool kit". If a church has a particular view on LGBT issues, they are free to initiate that conversation with an individual through their other pastoral practices such as teaching / counselling / pastoring etc.