

## **LGBT in a Bethel Sozo context.**

We have been asked what is Bethel Sozo UK's theological position on LGBT.

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

Bethel Sozo in the UK does not have its own policy on LGBT.

The way that Sozo works means that we do not have to take a stand on this, or many other issues.

We are not bringing our perspective of someone's issues to a sozo session.

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 they say to us.

A personal Sozo session is not the place for a minister to initiate a subject for conversation.

If a church has a particular view on LGBT issues, they are free to work that through in their teaching / counselling / pastoring etc.

There is a view in many churches that such issues belong in the sexual sin category. A sozo session is not the place to make value judgements. The Sozo host will ask "is the sexual sin 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 guest's life.

Our job is to get them better connected with the Godhead, who shares His agenda with them.