

RECONCILING IMAGES VIDEO STUDY - SESSION 4, "One Day at a Time"

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GOALS: To consider how LGBTQ people have been presented in television and movies, how this has impacted American popular culture, and how Christians act or react.

EXPECTATIONS: Respectful, thoughtful conversation. You can attend one or all sessions, as these are independent. Kids are welcome but parents should use discretion as some of the movies/TV shows deal with adult themes. Bring a snack to share - each week we'll ask one person to bring a more substantial main dish.

SESSIONS	MOVIE/EPISODES (rating, hh:mm)	MAIN DISH
Sunday, July 28, noon	Philadelphia (PG-13, 2:05)	_____
Sunday, August 4, noon	Queer Eye: God Bless Gay (TV-14, 0:51)	_____
Sunday, August 11, noon	The Matthew Shephard Story (TV-14, 1:34)	_____
Sunday, August 18, noon	One Day at a Time (TV-PG, 1:30)	_____
Sunday, August 25, noon	Hannah Gadsby: Nanette (unrated, 1:09)	_____

ONE DAY AT A TIME (TV-PG, stream on Netflix)

Award winning sitcom about a Cuban-American family showcases a variety of family reactions when the daughter comes out.

Season 1: Episode 10 (Sex Talk; 19:14 on); Episode 11 (Pride & Prejudice); Episode 13 (Quinces)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (before show)

- Introductions - who we are, main dish volunteers
- Thoughts? Follow-up from previous week?
- Show synopsis - Cuban family living in LA; Penelope (mom), Elena (daughter); Alex (son); Lydia (grandmother); Victor (estranged father) / Season climaxes with Elena's 15th birthday ball ("Quinces").

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (after show)

- Much of episode 10 revolves around a porn movie found on the son Alex's computer. At one point Grandma says, "Boys are supposed to want the sex. Girls are supposed to pretend they don't want the sex. Read your Bible." What does the Bible tell us about human sexuality?
- When Elena comes out, what does mom Penelope do right? Do wrong? How does she struggle and process this revelation?
- How do other characters handle Elena's coming out: Grandma? Alex? Neighbor Schneider? Victor?
- Several characters make common statements. What are the answers - in show, and for you?
 - "How will I know if a girl she brings home is a friend, or more?"
 - "I am a religious woman. I have a problem with Elena being gay. It goes against God."
 - "She's mixed up... This is a phase. It's what kids do. Being gay is cool now."
 - "Let's get real. Do you love her any less?"
- In 2013, Pope Francis told reporters, "'If a person is gay and seeks God and has good will, who am I to judge?'" (see Matthew 7:1-3; Romans 2:1) Discuss ways Christians of varying viewpoints can fully include LGBTQ people in the life of the church.

PARK'S NOTES ON ONE DAY AT A TIME

S1E10 Sex Talk

G'ma: "Boys are supposed to want the sex. Girls are supposed to pretend they don't want the sex. Read your Bible."

** Elena comes home ~19:14

Elena: "When I think about love, I see myself someday loving a woman."

Penelope: "When did you... no, you talk."

Elena: "Are you okay with this?"

Penelope: "I love you, and you should never be afraid to tell me anything."

S1E11 Pride & Prejudice

P: "Now that my daughter is gay, it feels different."

G'ma: "I know you are cool with this, but you have to understand: I am a religious woman. I have a problem with Elena being gay. It goes against God. Although, God did make us in his image, and God doesn't make mistakes... And when it comes to the gays, the pope did say, 'Who am I to judge?' And the pope represents God, so what, am I going to go against the pope and God? Who the hell do I think I am? Okay, I'm good."

P: "You just worked that out in 10 seconds?"

G'ma: "Si. Because she is my granddaughter and I love her no matter what."

P goes to gay friend for guidance.

P: "How will I know if a girl she brings home is a friend, or more?"

(Q could be asked of any friend)

Friend: "You ask her?"

P: "My daughter came out to me, and I am not totally okay with it. And I hate myself for it... I'm ruining everything... I should feel really happy that she feels comfortable coming out to me. It's just not how I pictured it: (mom/dtr bonding over boys)" ... happens later

Guy at bar: "Let's get real. Do you love her any less? This is a complete readjustment. She's been thinking about this for months or years. You just found out. Your heart is okay. You just need a little time for your head to catch up."

S1E13 Quinces

Comes out to dad,

V: "You're 15, you don't know what you're talking about... She's not 'that way.' ... I don't have to be okay with anything... She's mixed up."

Dress fitting...

G'ma wants E to look pretty; E wants to be herself.

P & V discuss

V: "This is a phase. It's what kids do. Being gay is cool now."

P: "Yeah, she wants some of that sweet bullying and persecution, because being a teenager is not hard enough."

P: "The one thing you do get to decide is whether you're going to be there for your daughter."

G'ma adapts dress to E's pref

Dad leaves during Quinces

Family dance