

POSTURE SHIFT INTENSIVES



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ABOUT POSTURE SHIFT

One of the greatest challenges facing the church today is how to engage, include, care for, and share Christ with LGBT+ persons. For decades, much controversy and hurt have existed between the church and the LGBT+ community. A growing number of evangelicals rightly view historical mistreatment as a pressing justice issue. We must create a new church history proving that Christians who hold to a traditional view can also radically love LGBT+ people.

Posture Shift is a missiological teaching to enhance LGBT+ inclusion and relational care inside the evangelical (conservative) church. Created in 2008, the teaching is time-tested and has survived many theological objections. Over time, it has been proven as a Gospel-honoring teaching. Nearly 60,000 church leaders across North America have experienced Posture Shift. In 2018, we expanded into South America.

Some view homosexuality as a doctrinal matter or as a pastoral care issue or a youth ministry challenge. In truth, the wider evangelical community must address this as a senior leadership crisis. For this reason, all levels of ministry leadership are highly encouraged to attend – including elders, senior and executive pastors, pastoral care providers, Christian counselors, discipleship leaders, educators and administrators, student and youth workers, and young adult pastors. Posture Shift will dramatically and rapidly enhance your leadership team’s missional skill set and relational effectiveness.

LEADERSHIP OBJECTIVES

Posture Shift was created to achieve our vision and missional goals.

VISION: Loving LGBT+ People in the Church

MISSION: Our four missional goals are as follows:



*“A gospel of exclusion has NO power to reach already-banished people.”
–Bill Henson, Creator of Posture Shift*

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GET TRAINED, TRAIN OTHERS

Posture Shift Train50 takes **Posture Shift's** impact to the next level. With a Posture Shift training certification, you and hundreds of leaders will be equipped to teach Posture Shift, swiftly multiplying the number of churches in North and South America that will offer a place for LGBT+ people to grow in their faith identity.

Every 2-day Posture Shift event now equips your team (Posture Shift Track) AND offers the option for licensure (Train50 Track).

1. Posture Shift Track: Dramatically improve your outreach, inclusion, and relational care of LGBT+ people. To invite your leader team to get trained, simply register your team for any 2-day event at leadthemhome.org/events.

2. Train50 Track: Get licensed to train others. Register for any 2-day event, and request licensure documents at info@postureshift.com.

Practical, best-practice LGBT+ care at YOUR church can start today, and it can start with you. **Here's to writing a new church history!**

1. CHOOSE YOUR TRACK

I want to...

GET TRAINED

- **WHO:** ANYONE (PASTORS, PARENTS, FRIENDS, RELATIVES, LAYPERSONS)
- **WHAT:** GAIN RELATIONAL & MISSIONAL SKILLS

TRAIN OTHERS

- **WHO:** PASTORS, ELDERS, BOARD MEMBERS, CHURCH & MINISTRY STAFF & LEADERS
- **WHAT:** GAIN LICENSURE TO TEACH POSTURE SHIFT IN YOUR MINISTRY

POSTURE
SHIFT 
TRACK

TRAIN 
TRACK

2. GET YOUR TICKET

2. GET YOUR TICKET & REQUEST LICENSURE
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3. INVITE OTHERS

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TEACHING OBJECTIVES

All of our objectives are in alignment with how missionaries seek to serve marginalized people groups. None of our objectives violate any scriptural principles, but rather fulfill the Gospel.

- 1 | Propose a “missiological framework” to mobilize better care
- 2 | Show how radical love can exist across the belief spectrum
- 3 | Develop accessible (trigger-free) language to minimize offense
- 4 | Learn to nourish (rather than chop at) spiritual roots of faith
- 5 | Enhance care for those geared to anticipate condemnation
- 6 | Lower suicide and homelessness risk factors for gay youth
- 7 | Reach next generation by caring for gay youth in the church

CONTENT OVERVIEW

- Part 1 | Introduction and Biblical Apologetic*
- Part 2 | Missiological Education (History, Culture, Language)
- Part 3 | Inclusion Model (to enhance belonging, healthy boundaries)
- Part 4 | Best Practice Care Plan
- Case Studies | Practical experience “implementing” Posture Shift

*We offer a strong biblical foundation yielding high buy-in. We share our apologetic and then invite leaders to build your own.

“Posture Shift changed the entire trajectory of our church network from being immobilized for over a decade to establishing buy-in and mobilizing commitment to implement ‘radical love’ for LGBT+ people while honoring God. Our sense of hope has been renewed!”

-Christian educator

TOPICS COVERED:

- Gospel in a Generational Shift
- Biblical Basis for Posture Shift
- LGBT+ People Through a Missiological Lens
- Growing Up LGBT+
- Suicide Risks and Statistics
- Importance of a Level Playing Field
- Gay Community’s Vulnerable History
- How to Respond When Teens Come Out
- Guiding Parents When Kids Come Out
- How to Care for Suicidal Youth
- How to Care for Transgender Teens
- Eight Effective Principles to Outreach
- “Lateral Distractions” Relational Model
- 32 Tips for a Strong Relational Witness
- Best Practice Care Model
- Building a Sustainable Support System
- Biblically Sound Inclusion Model
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Attendee Questions
- Table Discussion
- Case Studies

***WHY 2 DAYS?** Being moved by a teaching does not equate to living it out. Our **Intensives Course** allows leadership teams to implement the teaching and practice making application decisions using Posture Shift learning principles. The **IMPACT** of our **Intensives Course** far outpaces any training event we've ever offered.

"Posture Shift is a game-changer. It is theologically sound, more sound than any prior approaches we have seen. It will move our seminary training forward and this will allow us to properly equip pastors during their education."

-Retired seminarian

ABOUT LEAD THEM HOME

We empower churches and families to love LGBT+ persons like Jesus does. We offer a biblically sound and missiological approach to living out the Great Command to honor God and radically love people.

Our mission is to enhance church inclusion, increase family acceptance, protect against victimization, and nourish Christian faith identity in LGBT+ persons. Decades of rejection and judgment have deconstructed faith identity in a marginalized people group vulnerable to systemic mistreatment.

Our decade of excellence in this complex area allows Lead Them Home to uniquely and rapidly equip your team. We provide acclaimed training and consulting resources and services for church leaders and have directly cared for thousands of LGBT+ individuals and their families.

Nearly 60,000 church leaders have experienced Posture Shift. Our teaching has been covered in *Church Leaders*, *Christianity Today*, and *Outreach Magazine*, featured at national conferences, and presented at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and Denver Seminary.

"This is the single most valuable thing you will do this year, and possibly ever, to expand your own thinking and that of your church or school on the topic of how Christians should approach/embrace the LGBTQ+ community."

-Posture Shift Attendee, West Coast

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OUR LEADERSHIP

BOARD CHAIRMAN

Dr. Raymond Pendleton has served as professor of Pastoral Psychology at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary since 1975. He is also Assistant Rector of Pastoral Care and Healing Ministry at Christ the Redeemer church in Danvers, Mass., and has served as Lead Them Home's board chairman since 2005.



FOUNDER & PRESIDENT

Bill Henson trains ministry teams across America. He guest lectures at Gordon College and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He has presented at Urbana, Movement Day NYC, Q Denver, Cru15 and other national conferences. His work has been featured in *Leadership Journal*.



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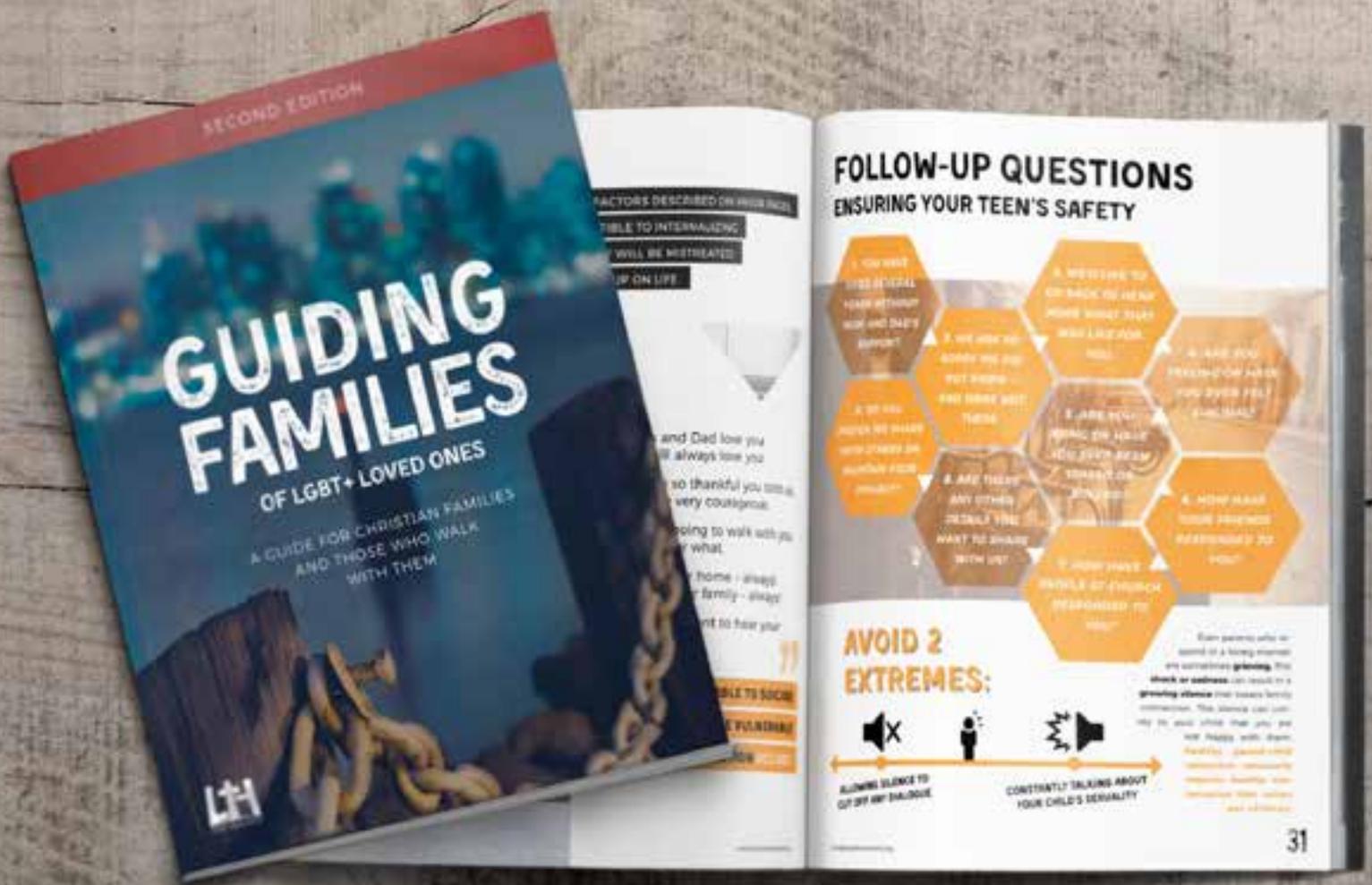
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