

# Law, Gospel, Both, and Neither

A snapshot from the Breakout, "Gospel Conversations in the LGBTQ World" presented at WNCLL 2026

## How do I talk about LGBTQ matters and faith?

Reasons given for leading with Law, Gospel, Both, or Neither

### Share Law

"The Gospel is for the repentant; LGBTQ folks need to see their sin first"

"I feel like I'm betraying God when I don't correct someone"

"If I mention only law or only gospel, they'll get the wrong idea"

"I don't have time to be relational, only to give the facts"

"LGBTQ is open rebellion, a clear rejection of God's good design"

### Only Law

"Jesus told hard truths"

"Slippery Slope!"

### Both Law & Gospel

"Love the sinner, hate the sin"

"It just feels wrong to share one without the other"

"Our culture is directionless; we need to teach them right & wrong"

Truth is the message.  
Love is the modality.

"They're more than just LGBTQ, so why focus on this?"

"We're only making it worse by talking about it"

"Bringing up the law with LGBTQ people/allies will just turn into a fight

...or it will just cause pain and trauma"

### Neither

"LGBTQ folks/allies will respond combatively if I mention my faith"

"LGBTQ is a minefield. It's so easy to accidentally hurt or offend"

### Only Gospel

"The burden of the law for LGBTQ folks would be too much too soon"

"I can't afford to be associated with hateful Christians"

Share Gospel

Not one of these reasons is **categorically** wrong, unwise, or unhelpful. As a Lutheran, you're free to make a choice informed by thoughtful love

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