



Loving Families



Conversations with the LGBT Community in WNC

Study Guide

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Explain what is meant by "someone who is Gay."

Explain what is meant by "someone who is Lesbian."

Fill in the blank from the opening statement:

Whether it is a gay issue, or any minority, I'd like for people to look at _____, and not to _____ anyone.

What is Family?

Define....

- Biological Family
- Family of Origin
- Adopted Family

Falling in Love

Where did one of these couples meet? _____ (place)

Forming a Partnership

What is a

- Marriage
- Civil Union
- Commitment Ceremony

Making a Family

In what year did the Pennsylvania (PA) Supreme Court make it legal for Gays and Lesbians to adopt children?

What are the advantages of being a "custodial parent"?

 **Raising a Family**

What are some activities that the families on this board do together?

 **Community Support**

Why is it important for families to have community support in the raising of children?

 **Challenges**

Define Homophobia

Define "someone who is heterosexual"

 **Challenges in the Community**

Define "someone who is transgendered"

What does it mean to "Come Out"?

What does it mean to "be in the closet"?

 **Challenges in the Law**

List 2 legal issues the folks on this board have faced.

1.

2.

 **Schools**

Describe one action that a teacher or principal took to support the LGBT community

 **Faith Communities**

Describe one action that a House of Worship has taken to support the GLBT community

 **Being Who We Are**

Define "Stereotype"

 **What About Your Family Makes You Proud?**

What is something that you do/feel in your family that is similar to families in this exhibit?

♥ **Reflection Questions that “Start a Conversation” or for writing assignments:**

Consider the statement at the opening of the exhibit: *Whether it is a gay issue, or any minority, I'd like for people to look at me as an individual, and not to classify anyone.* Have you ever been treated as a stereotype? What are the necessary skills to treating each person with dignity and respect? How is this a very “American” idea? What would change at your school/business if everyone did that?

The people in this exhibit were very open about themselves and their stories which is not always the case for the GLBT community. Have you ever hidden something very basic about who you are or known someone who has done that? Describe the many ways that decision impacts one’s daily living. What are the challenges? Any benefits?

