

SEMI-STRUCTURED INTERVIEW GUIDE

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OBTAIN ALL NECESSARY CONSENTS

INTRODUCTION: Thank you for agreeing to participate in this interview. For the next hour, I am going to ask you some questions about what your views are in regard to your faith and the general topic of homosexuality. I am especially interested in hearing how you feel about whether or not the two can coexist or intersect. There are no right or wrong answers to these questions. I simply want to hear how you describe your views and the topics of faith and homosexuality. These interviews will help me better understand the views of people that choose to attend churches that are not affirming to members of the LGBTQIA community.

If there are any questions you do not understand, please let me know. And, as a reminder, if there is anything you do not want to answer, just tell me and we can move on. If you would like to stop the interview at any time, please inform me. Please be assured that any information you give me is confidential and as I am the only researcher on this project, only I will have access to anything that is shared in this interview.

Do you have any questions for me before we start?

Okay, may I start the recorder and begin the interview?

INTERVIEWER TURNS ON THE RECORDER TO BEGIN INTERVIEW

Church involvement

- How long have you been attending church? This church?
- What made you decide to first attend the church?
 - Why did you keep coming?
- How do you see the church's role in the community?
- What would you say is the central message of the church?
 - Do you think the church is successful in communicating that message to people?
- What do you like most about the church? What would you change if you could?

Identity

- Which identity do you remember accepting first, Christian or LGBTQIA?
- Is one of these identities more important to you than the other? Explain answer.
- Has your racial identity affected your sexuality?
- Has your racial identity affected your faith?

Beliefs

- How would you describe God?
- What are our responsibilities to others?
- What responsibility does this church have to others?

Understanding of Church's Stance

- What does your church believe about homosexuality?
 - Does your church feel as though someone could be a Christian and LGBTQIA?
- How correct do you think your church is in its stance?

Have you ever interacted with Christians attending non-affirming churches? Describe your most memorable interaction with one of these people.

How do you reconcile the intersection of your faith and sexuality in light of the dominant societal view that Christianity and homosexuality are at odds with each other? Do you think you are allowed to be both LGBTQIA and a Christian?

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