



TESTIMONIALS

“Walking Between Worlds really brought home to me the intensity of the issues that GLBTI people from a faith background face- this was not new info to me, but when all put together like this it becomes overwhelming- it is a miracle that any of us are alive and sane. The sense of hurt from people who had felt rejected by the church and alienated from their faith was very evident and moving.”

Bev Fabb – Uniting Church Minister

“Walking Between Worlds gave me important new understandings of the immense emotional battle it is to have same sex attraction and live in a world which doesn't understand and the added complexity of being a person of faith. Enlightening and important thinking to be able to move forward in working towards healing and reconciliation.”

Jen, Counsellor CCAA

"I found Walking Between Worlds to be an incredibly impacting seminar. Not only did I walk away with much for me personally it helped me to see how timely it is for the Church and the LGBTI community. Too often, in the Church, we talk about LGBTI people but rarely with them. True understanding will only come with engagement. The seminar showed me this is possible even in one day".

Richard

“Walking Between Worlds provided a safe space to explore, challenge and address the relationship between faith and sexuality. Anthony's seminar helps to create an important bridge between "the debate" and "the individual" by using personal narrative and contemporary resources. A great presenter - well informed and willing to work through the tough questions.”

Sarah Van Bentum

Counsellor | Trainer @ Salvos Counselling

FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS

The most Important things I learnt were:

- The complexity of the issues.
- A sense of context, issues, impacts and complexity.
- When gay Christians come out they don't always find community as we would expect.
- The grief and trauma people experienced.
- The conflict issue between the faith and religious worlds and how it impacts those caught in the middle.
- There is more support out there than I was aware of.
- That coming out does not necessarily resolve all issues – others may emerge.
- That some young same sex attracted people assume they will find the gay community just by walking down Oxford St or through Darlinghurst – false expectations.
- The coming out process – I have never heard it explained like that before
- How a counsellor can work with LGBT people from a structured religious background
- Particular challenges and dangers facing LGBT people of faith
- That my 'research' has not been wrong or misleading
- The two worlds concept and tips on how to help people
- You can be Christian and gay – that the two identities can be integrated
- A new space to bring LGBTIQ people together with Christian faith groups
- Networking is important for LGBT people of faith to help them resolve and find community
- The high incidence of suicidal behaviour of the LGBT population
- Anthony's personal story
- The powerful message that Christians send to LGBT people
- Greater tolerance and understanding which I now have for gay Christians

Best Thing about the Seminar was:

- Personal stories and the honesty.
- Lively presenter. Anthony's humour, vulnerability, knowledge and journey.
- The firsthand knowledge and experiences from Anthony.
- The practical content.
- It was an Inspiring and moving presentation.
- Liked hearing actual experience of individuals.
- Information supplied – general info. and Bible basics. Most helpful
- Section 3: The tools to help clients.
- Lots of great resources and contacts.
- The layers of complexities
- Tips for GLBT Christians within my organization.
- The gay Christian belief system/perception vs their experience/reality.
- Openness, sense of humour
- Clear, concise and open for questions
- The passion of the presenter
- Learning where to access resources for my clients
- Even though it's an intense topic Anthony's humour made sure I didn't feel overwhelmed.
- Presenter was brilliant
- New ideas for interaction. Great to have time for questions as well
- The diversity of service providers who had come along for the training
- Learning about the issues that gay people from Christian backgrounds have to deal with

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