

# Worksheet 1: Topic Marlyn Bonifacio

**What is a topic you are interested in pursuing for your project this semester?**

A topic that I am interested in pursuing for this semester is homosexuality in the Christian youth, specially when it comes to dealing with the next generation.

**What is the general conversation around your topic?**

The general conversation around my topic is that Homosexuality is a sin and because of that Christians cannot be homosexuals.

**Who are the people concerned with your topic?**

I would say that the people that are more concerned about this topic are church leaders and the next generation which is the one being exposed the most regarding their sexuality.

**Find 3-5 Podcasts, articles, books, TED talks or video clips that discuss your topic. Copy their links below:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aMe8jnnd4ug> - The Elephant in The Church - Homosexuality And Christianity // BibleCast With Dr. R.A. Vernon

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pc\\_s2xItSsI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pc_s2xItSsI) - Christian Sexuality - Interview With Jackie Hill Perry

Emerging Gender Identities: Understanding the Diverse Experiences of Today's Youth – Mark Yahourse

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1sJeC3Hlvio> - Transgender Identities, the Church, and Scripture: A Conversation with Preston Sprinkle

Two Views on Homosexuality, The Bible, and The Church – Preston Sprinkle, Stanley N Gundry

Beauty, Order, And Mystery A Christian Vision of Human Sexuality – Gerald Hiestand & Todd Wilson

**After this brief survey of your topic, what do you want to specifically study about this topic?**

Something that I want to specifically study about this topic is: how to build a bridge or find a balance between the two sides of the spectrum. Where people can accept those who are dealing with homosexuality without making them feel like outsiders and where those who are homosexual can find freedom from homosexuality in Christ.

**What do you see that needs to change within this topic?**

Something that I see that needs to change is how quickly the church is to judge those dealing with homosexuality like it is the ultimate sin that God cannot forgive. On the other side I would say that there's need to be a change in how some churches are accepting homosexuality as something normal and pleasing in God's eyes

**Why are you passionate about this topic?**

I am passionate about this topic because of the lack of balance that I have seen in the church regarding this topic and because I have seen how the lack of such balance have affected those struggling with this behavior. One example was a Portuguese-Spanish singer who a few years back "came out" and was instantly crucified in social media and there were only a few who were offering their support and prayers for him.

**What are you hoping to learn?**

I am hoping to learn how to deal with those dealing with this behavior and how to show love while also helping them change just like Jesus did with those who He healed and then told them to go and sin no more.

**What do you believe you will discover?**

I believe I will discover the foundations in which both sides based their belief to either accept homosexuality or condemn it. I believe this will be a fun journey that will challenge me a lot and hoping that studying the two sides of the spectrum I will be able to find a common ground where there is space for love and correction.