

# ALL THINGS NEW A DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY FOR HEALING

*Overcoming the Effects of  
Same-Sex Attraction and Sexual Brokenness*

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FACILITATOR GUIDE

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2 Cor. 5:17

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## ABOUT THE AUTHOR



The All Things New Ministry was born out of my transition out of nearly two decades of homosexuality through the love and support of a women's ministry Bible study group and the leadership of a church that was not willing to compromise their convictions while continuing to welcome and embrace me. When I first began attending this church, I had not yet accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior and I was happy living my life as a lesbian. I knew 'about' Jesus and what He did for me, and even labeled myself as a Christian, but I had not yet surrendered my whole life to Him. I had also been involved in a gay church for many years where I was indoctrinated in gay-theology, which affirmed my lifestyle as a part of the gay community. I was still living my life the way I wanted to, and that included being in a committed lesbian relationship with the woman I loved.

Once I fully surrendered my life to Jesus Christ, I began to regularly read the Bible and pray that God would reveal areas of sin in my life that I needed to repent of and turn away from. It was through my study of the Word of God that I realized that many areas of my life did not line up with His Word. As God revealed areas of sin, I repented and asked for his forgiveness, and He began to change me from the inside out. When I finally realized that God did not approve of my choice to live as a lesbian, I decided to turn away from homosexuality and live a life in a way that was pleasing to Him. The transition was not easy, and I relied heavily on the women in my Bible study that supported me with unconditional love and prayed for me as I turned away from the gay community, which had been my support structure for many years. I had to walk away from a relationship with the woman that I loved and we had to unravel our lives that we had previously intertwined together.

This Bible Study/Discipleship Ministry is modeled after my own transition out of years of homosexuality and the healing I received along the way, and has been proven to help both men and women who want to break free from life choices that are not pleasing to God. My prayer is that every person who experiences same-sex attraction will find the same freedom in an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ that I did. His love is everlasting and completely satisfying – it is unlike anything we can ever experience in human relationships. I never knew that I wasn't living my best life until I was able to experience His love as I aligned my life with His Word. Jesus makes all things new!

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV)*

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# INTRODUCTION

ALL THINGS NEW: A DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY FOR HEALING is a Bible Study and Discipleship Ministry for people who experience same-sex attraction (SSA). It is designed to be facilitated by lay leaders and assisted by volunteer prayer/Accountability Partners. The purpose of the All Things New Ministry is to aid in the spiritual healing and growth of people who have in the past, or are currently experiencing SSA. This ministry is designed to help release people from the bondage of SSA and to allow them to experience healing from the effects of their exposure to SSA and sexual brokenness.

It is imperative that the ministry leaders create a safe environment for healing; train participants in the Ministry to examine their lives in light of biblical truth; and cultivate personal intimacy with Jesus Christ that leads to true Discipleship. It is important that the ministry leader is able to be transparent about their own struggles with sin, to be honest about their relationship with God, and not pretend to be an expert in spirituality. It is not necessary to expose all of the details, but by being transparent about our struggles with sin, we open up the dialogue and create a safe environment for healing.

Each participant in the discipleship ministry should be paired with an Accountability Partner who serves as a mentor/Christian friend to pray for and support the participant as he/she works through the weekly lessons. The Accountability Partners are not counselors or therapists; they are mature Christians who have a heart for serving and supporting others who desire to live a holy life.

The Facilitators and Accountability Partners agree to maintain the confidentiality of all participants in the ministry to provide a safe environment for people to openly discuss their feelings and struggles with sin. All information shared in the group must be kept confidential with limited exceptions, for example, if you believe a participant is at risk for suicide, or if you believe someone intends to harm another person.

It is important to be aware that some people who participate in this ministry may need professional counseling services in addition to the weekly Bible study as areas of pain are exposed in their lives. Be prepared to provide information about how to connect them with professional counselors through your church or in the community.

## GROUP SIZE

For an effective group study and an environment most conducive to healing in this area, it is best if each group remains small (ideally, no more than 4-6 participants for each Facilitator).

## SCHEDULING

The course consists of an introductory session and 37 lessons. It generally takes 11 months to complete the entire course, allowing for breaks between major units of study. The in-class meetings are designed for a two-hour time block.

A typical weekly Bible Study class consists of:

- 5 minutes – Scripture Memory Quiz/Demonstration
- 10 minutes – Praise and Worship followed by Prayer (*assign a participant to serve as Worship/Prayer Leader for each class*)
- 30 minutes – Break Down the Memory Verse and Homework Discussion
- 60 - 70 minutes – Weekly Lesson
- 5 minutes – Closing Prayer

Yearly lesson plan outline with suggested ministry breaks:

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	4	3	Freedom in Truth
	5	4	Hearing God's Voice
	6	5	Prayer – Communicating with God
	7	6	Fall of Man – Root Causes of Same-sex attraction
	8	7	Forgiveness  <i>Pass Out Evaluation Forms (see FORMS Section of the Facilitator Guide)</i>
	9	<i>SUGGESTED MINISTRY BREAK</i>	
#2	10	8	What the Bible Says About Homosexuality  <i>Collect Completed Evaluation Forms (see FORMS Section of the Facilitator Guide)</i>
	11	9	Gay Theology
	12	10	Sexual Integrity – Part I
	13	11	Sexual Integrity – Part II
	14	<i>SUGGESTED MINISTRY BREAK</i>	
	15	12	Spiritual Warfare
	16	13	The Heart
	17	14	Our Authority in Christ to Route Demons
	18	15	Forgiveness – Part II
	19	16	Removing Hindrances to Effective Prayer
	20	17	Power of the Holy Spirit – Internal Healing/Sanctification  <i>Pass Out Evaluation Forms (see FORMS Section of the Facilitator Guide)</i>
	21	<i>SUGGESTED MINISTRY BREAK</i>	

#3	22	18	Listening and Inner Healing Prayer – Chapter 1  <i>Turn in Completed Evaluation Forms (see FORMS Section of the Facilitator Guide)</i>
	23	19	Listening and Inner Healing Prayer – Chapter 2
	24	20	Listening and Inner Healing Prayer – Chapter 3
	25	21	Listening and Inner Healing Prayer – Chapter 4
	26	22	Listening and Inner Healing Prayer – Chapter 5
	27	23	Listening and Inner Healing Prayer – Chapter 6
	28	24	Listening and Inner Healing Prayer – Chapter 7
	29	25	Listening and Inner Healing Prayer – Chapter 8
	30	26	Listening and Inner Healing Prayer – Chapter 9  <i>Pass Out Evaluation Forms (see FORMS Section of the Facilitator Guide)</i>
	31	27	Listening and Inner Healing Prayer – Chapter 10  <i>Turn in Completed Evaluation Forms (see FORMS Section of the Facilitator Guide)</i>
	32-35	<i>SUGGESTED MINISTRY BREAK – 4-week break with Reading Assignment: All Things New: A Former Lesbian's Lifelong Search for Love by Debora Barr</i>	
	36	Review	Reconvene group and go over healing prayer work and review reading assignment
	37	28	The Power of Sharing Your Testimony
	38	29	Exposing the Pain and Glorifying God
	39	30	Tailoring Your Message for the Listener
	40	31	Spiritual Gifts and Calling to Serve in Ministry
	41	32	Witnessing – the Great Commission
	42	33	Your Life's Purpose
	43	<i>SUGGESTED MINISTRY BREAK</i>	
	44	34	Testimony Development – Part 1
	45	35	Testimony Development – Part 2
	46	36	Testimony Development – Part 3
	47	37	Personal Plan to Continue Daily Devotional  <i>Pass Out Evaluation Forms (see FORMS Section of the Facilitator Guide)</i>
	48	Fellowship	Final Course Fellowship – <i>Turn in Completed Evaluation Forms (see FORMS Section of the Facilitator Guide)</i>

## OTHER BOOKS AND VIDEO/AUDIO RESOURCES SUGGESTED FOR COMPLETION OF THIS COURSE:

LESSONS #18-#27 - *A Guide for Listening and Inner-Healing Prayer: Meeting God in the Broken Places* by Rusty Rustenbach (NavPress 2011) ISBN: 978-1-61747-086-8

MINISTRY BREAK READING ASSIGNMENT FOLLOWING LESSON #28 - *All Things New: a Former Lesbian's Lifelong Search for Love* by Debora Barr (True Potential Publishing 2012) ISBN: 978-1-935769-32-3

## ADDITIONAL TOOLS FOR FACILITATION OF THIS COURSE:

WEEK #27 LESSON - **NOTE TO FACILITATOR:** plan to show video testimonies in class as part of this lesson. You can find such videos on the Internet by searching YouTube, or by purchasing videos containing testimonies of people who have overcome homosexuality.

Visit Debora's Website for current links to resources: [www.DBarrMinistries.org/](http://www.DBarrMinistries.org/)

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WEEK #32 LESSON – BEMA Judgment Seat of Christ Drama by Pete Briscoe

A powerful story that will demonstrate the practical application and eternal results of the lesson that was taught this week is a drama by Pastor Pete Briscoe (Bent Tree Bible Church in Texas) where he walks us through a presentation of what worship at the BEMA judgment seat will be like when we see Christ face-to-face.

Visit Debora's Website for the link to this resource: [www.DBarrMinistries.org/](http://www.DBarrMinistries.org/)

## WEEKLY HOMEWORK

Each in-class lesson is preceded by a week of homework that needs to be completed by each participant (and ministry leader) prior to meeting as a group. Each homework assignment consists of five days' worth of individual Bible study plus a Scripture that relates to the week's lesson and is to be memorized by each person. Scripture memory is demonstrated by either asking participants to recite Scripture from memory, or write it out and turn it in at the beginning of the class.

## ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNERS

The Accountability Partner serves as a Christian mentor/friend to a person who is completing this Discipleship Ministry program. Their role is to encourage and provide unconditional love and a listening ear to a person who is trying to live a life pleasing to God and who has experienced pain and brokenness leading to same-sex attraction. No prior exposure to or experience with same-sex attraction is needed, just a heart for hurting people and an ability to listen and continually point a person to Jesus for the deliverance and healing necessary to overcome the effects of SSA. They should also pray regularly for the person they are paired with.

Each person that is interested in serving in this ministry should be screened by the ministry leaders prior to pairing them with a participant. There is a sample Accountability Partner Application in the FORMS section at the end of this Facilitator Guide that you can use for this purpose. It is imperative that each potential applicant has the right motives and a true heart for serving in this capacity that has been demonstrated by their participation and service in other areas of ministry. It would be quite harmful to have a person serving as an Accountability Partner who is judgmental and condescending towards a person who struggles with their sexuality, or who has some negative ulterior motive for wanting to serve in this capacity. All efforts must be made by the ministry leaders to create a safe environment for each of the participants in the ministry.

It is also important to provide basic training to people serving as Accountability Partners so they understand some of the root causes of homosexuality, and how best to minister to a person who struggles in this area. This Facilitator Guide contains a lesson plan for basic training for Accountability Partners as well as some suggested books and websites with more information to help them better understand SSA. It is also important to have the Accountability Partners meet together as a group with the Facilitator periodically to share best practices/concerns with the other Accountability Partners and to allow them to ask any questions they may have about supporting their paired participant. I also encourage Accountability Partners to participate in the weekly Participant Bible Study sessions as much as they are able so they can get to know the person they are supporting and understand the process they are going through during the course of this study.

Additional Resources for Facilitators and Accountability Partners to read to learn more about supporting persons with same-sex attraction:

*All Things New: a Former Lesbian's Lifelong Search for Love* by Debora Barr (True Potential Publishing 2012)

*Freedom Realized: Finding Freedom from Homosexuality and Living a Life Free from Labels* by Stephen H. Black

*Gay Children Straight Parents a Plan for Family Healing* by Richard Cohen (InterVarsity Press 2007)

*When Homosexuality Hits Home: What to Do When a Loved One Says They're Gay* by Joe Dallas (Harvest House Publishers 2004)

*Love is an Orientation: Elevating the Conversation with the Gay Community* by Andrew Marin (InterVarsity Press 2009)

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## **SAMPLE FORMS**

Sample Forms are provided in the back of this Facilitator Guide for the administration and evaluation of this ministry for your Church.

## HOW TO USE THIS FACILITATOR GUIDE

Each lesson plan in this facilitator's guide directly corresponds with the weekly homework assignments in the corresponding Workbooks. For example, Lesson #1 homework is to be completed by the participants prior to coming together as a class for discussion of Lesson #1.

The basic format for each lesson plan is as follows:

1. Reproduction of the introductory material for each homework assignment, including the weekly Scripture memory verse
2. Breakdown of the underlined key terms/concepts that make up the memory verse along with some questions to encourage discussion about the Scripture verse
3. Questions to encourage discussion about the homework
4. In-class exercises to include small group activities, and fill in the blank exercises
5. New lesson material that will lead into the next week's homework

For best results, the Group Facilitator should complete the homework and memorize the Scripture along with the participants before coming together to lead the group discussion. The Facilitator also needs to review and become familiar with the weekly Lesson Plan he/she will be using to facilitate the in-class discussions, as it may be necessary to modify the lesson plan to tailor the lesson to each group being served. Also, preparing ahead of time examples and testimonies from the life of the Facilitator related to the lesson will have a greater impact towards opening up discussion among the group than merely relying on the author's testimony.

As you review the Lesson Plans, you will see bulleted italicized text following many of the questions posed by the author. These are points that you should try to draw out of the class during discussion. For lessons that have an in-class exercise, the answers to the puzzles as well as the fill-in-the-blank exercises are provided in the Facilitator's Guide.

Throughout the Facilitator's Guide, you will find Scriptures to reinforce points being made in the lesson. Have a participant read the Scripture that corresponds to the point being made before revealing the answer to the fill-in-the-blank.

Use your imagination as a facilitator to make each lesson interesting and engaging for the participants. Following are some ideas that you may want to incorporate into the weekly lessons:

- Ask for Testimonies of what God has done in the live of the participants this week
- Ask for Testimonies of what God has revealed to us through His Word this week
- Use worship videos at the beginning of class that correspond to, and reinforce the weekly lesson
- Show video clips to illustrate teaching points from the weekly lesson
- Incorporate comedy or a skit to illustrate a teaching point
- Arts and Crafts that reinforce a lesson
- Assign a person to bring in an illustration or object that reinforces the weekly lesson
- Team-building exercises in class – to learn to trust other Christians

# ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNER BASIC TRAINING

Accountability Partners need no prior training or exposure to issues surrounding persons who experience same-sex attraction to serve in this ministry. They just need to be mature men and women of God who have a heart for hurting people, and a heart to help others draw close to Jesus Christ.

**RESOURCES NEEDED FOR THIS CLASS** – Basic Training and Testimony Video clips

Welcome – Thank them for their interest in coming alongside men and women to help them walk in accordance with God’s will for their lives.

Introduce yourself and any of the other Ministry Leaders.

Ask each potential Accountability Partner to briefly share why they want to be a part of this ministry.

There are three types of SSA people:

- Those with SSA who want to change
- Those who are confused/undecided about their sexuality
- Those who identify themselves as gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, or transgendered
  - convinced they were born gay and don’t want to change

Show Basic Training Videos available on YouTube such as Dr. Julie Harren Hamilton - Homosexuality 101 part 1: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fD426lYvP7U>

Visit Debora’s website for current resources: [www.DBarrMinistries.org/](http://www.DBarrMinistries.org/)

**Some of the root causes of SSA include:**

- At the CORE of SSA is a sense of not belonging – of not fitting in (why do I have these feelings when the rest of the world is attracted to the opposite sex?)
- Temperament
  - *Hypersensitivity*
  - *Artistic nature*

- *Gender nonconforming behaviors*
- Easily feel rejection – and react more deeply to any given situation than other people. They are highly attuned to the feelings and emotions of others.
- Lack of bonding with same-sex parent
  - *Detachment from same-gender parent* – most often core issue for those who experience SSA
  - Daughter did not sufficiently bond with her mother and internalize her love and femininity; or Son did not sufficiently bond with his father to embrace his masculinity
  - *Abuse: verbal, mental, emotional, sexual, physical*
  - *Neglect*
  - Highly sensitive children may perceive rejection (whether real or imagined) and emotionally detached from same-gender parent which lays the groundwork for future SSA
- Over-attachment to opposite sex parent
  - *Imitation of opposite-sex behavior*
  - *Neglect or abuse*
  - Sometimes they feel that they were born in the wrong sex
  - Take on attributes of opposite-sex parent – take on similar interests
- Body image
  - *Skinnier/Larger - Shorter/Taller*
  - Flat-chested girls; hair growth differences; men not exhibiting masculine traits
  - *Physical disabilities*
  - Girls who are very athletic and not very feminine; boys who seem more feminine
  - Since they have detached from same sex parent and possibly experienced rejection from same sex siblings or peers, most likely have become detached from their own gender identity
- Sexual abuse
  - *Homosexual imprinting*
  - *Learned and reinforced behaviors*
  - *Substitute for affection and love*
  - Homosexual imprinting can come from sexual abuse from a same sex person – poor substitute for affection and love
  - Kids are more susceptible to abuse if they don't experience warmth and affection from same-sex parent or same-sex peers. Sex then becomes a replacement for emotional and relational intimacy with persons of the same gender
  - Girls who are sexually abused by men – may reject all men and seek love and affection only from women. The opposite can occur for Boys

- Cultural Influences
  - *Internet, media, and educational system promote homosexuality*
  - *Pornography* – imprinting unnatural sexual behaviors/desires
  - Social Indoctrination by media, educational systems, political organizations, entertainment, internet --- born gay and cannot change – innate immutable concept
  - Today, it is “trendy” or “in” to be gay or bisexual.
  - The media, educational systems and entertainment industry have created a false identity called “gay” – there is no such thing as gay, there are only hurting people looking for love.
  - Many children growing up in one-parent homes without quality exposure to their same sex parent (whether the father is out of the home, or the mother is working all the time to make ends meet)
- These are just SOME of the causes of SSA. Each person is unique and has a combination of things in their past that causes them to experience SSA.
- Men and women don’t choose to have SSA. It develops as a result of wounding and unmet needs for love and affection
  - They are seeking in other men/women the things that they need for their own development – seeking what was lost along the way
    - The problem is all SSA men/women are missing something and they are seeking what they need in other hurting and incomplete people of the same sex.
  - The feelings are real
    - Feels to them like true love
  - SSA is complicated
    - Can be non-sexual (emotional relationships)
    - Can start out as ‘girlfriend’ or ‘boyfriend’ relationship – that gets too close and can eventually turn physical
    - Some men/women marry and have children while fighting SSA. If the marriage does not survive, they often go into a homosexual relationship after divorce (or if don’t divorce – struggle in pain)
- SSA in itself is not a sin. Having SSA and never acting on it is not sin.
  - Same-sex attraction = attraction to persons of the same sex without acting on that attraction or lusting after those persons (NOT becoming entangled emotionally and physically with persons of the same sex)
  - Homosexuality = having sexual relations with a person of the same sex and self-identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender; or lusting after a person of the same sex in the heart.
  - Homosexuality becomes sin when people act on the feelings they have or lust in their heart after people of the same sex.

- If you JUDGE a man or woman because of his/her SSA, you risk wounding them further; what they need is unconditional love.
- 7 Stages of “coming out”
  - Root causes of SSA
  - SSA begins
  - Conflict over SSA
  - Need for belonging
  - Indoctrination (societal influences)
  - Self-identified as Gay/Lesbian
  - Begin to share new identity with friends/family
- By the time a person is able to share with you about their SSA, they may have been struggling with it for years. They are in an extremely vulnerable place and most likely have their ‘guard up’ expecting rejection.
- If sharing with a Christian, they likely have been trained from their peer groups that Christians are homophobic (hate gays and lesbians). It is especially critical for Christians to respond with the love of Jesus Christ and not to be judgmental.
- Requirements for Healing
  - Unconditional Love – non-judgmental; don’t mention SSA or point out Scriptures that condemn homosexuality.
  - When a man/woman decides to walk away from that life and live in accordance with God’s will for their life, he/she is about to go through a very difficult season and needs loving, caring support from men and women who can surround him/her with SAFE love.
    - He/She will go through a grieving process
      - Social Structure (“family”) gone – severe loneliness can set in
      - Loss of touch and sense of being loved and accepted and cared for by someone
      - Loss of identity – Who am I? Where do I fit in?
      - Realization that he/she may have aborted or seriously delayed many of God’s plans for his/her life
        - Marriage – Family – Children – Grandchildren missing
  - He/She may backslide and go backwards when it is too hard and too painful to go forward. He/she needs unconditional love and support from those cheering him/her on.
  - Drawing out and listening to his/her story over time – do not offer solutions; listen and empathize with his/her feelings
  - Sense of belonging and being accepted without a requirement to change first

- o Prayer – How do you pray for him/her?
  - o Encouragement and affirmation
  - o Help him/her to learn to be a man/woman around heterosexual men/women
  - o Healthy touch
  - o Family interaction is very helpful for healing, as many come from broken homes
- Ministry is a Discipleship Program designed to work through Bible studies and discover the love and healing power of Jesus Christ to transform lives

**Go over the basic outline for the entire course highlighted in the table below:**

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	27	23	Listening and Inner Healing Prayer – Chapter 6
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	29	25	Listening and Inner Healing Prayer – Chapter 8
	30	26	Listening and Inner Healing Prayer – Chapter 9  <i>Pass Out Evaluation Forms (see FORMS Section of the Facilitator Guide)</i>
	31	27	Listening and Inner Healing Prayer – Chapter 10  <i>Turn in Completed Evaluation Forms (see FORMS Section of the Facilitator Guide)</i>
	32-35	<i>SUGGESTED MINISTRY BREAK – 4-week break with Reading Assignment: All Things New: A Former Lesbian’s Lifelong Search for Love by Debora Barr</i>	
	36	Review	Reconvene group and go over healing prayer work and review reading assignment
	37	28	The Power of Sharing Your Testimony
	38	29	Exposing the Pain and Glorifying God
	39	30	Tailoring Your Message for the Listener
	40	31	Spiritual Gifts and Calling to Serve in Ministry
	41	32	Witnessing – the Great Commission
	42	33	Your Life’s Purpose
	43	<i>SUGGESTED MINISTRY BREAK</i>	
	44	34	Testimony Development – Part 1
	45	35	Testimony Development – Part 2
	46	36	Testimony Development – Part 3
	47	37	Personal Plan to Continue Daily Devotional  <i>Pass Out Evaluation Forms (see FORMS Section of the Facilitator Guide)</i>
	48	Fellowship	Final Course Fellowship – <i>Turn in Completed Evaluation Forms (see FORMS Section of the Facilitator Guide)</i>

- The Role of the Accountability Partner
  - Not a therapist – no special knowledge of SSA required
  - Act as a Christian brother/sister to support and pray for a fellow Christian who is desiring to align their lives with the Word of God
  - Good listening skills – able to empathize with a hurting man/woman and help him/her tell their story without offering ‘solutions’ or ‘fixes’ for what is shared
  - Comfortable with YOUR own feelings, fears, embarrassments and struggles – able to be transparent and share at appropriate times
  - Every 2 weeks minimum, communicate with the participant you are assigned to via phone or face-to-face meeting. Email, text messages, and social media are good to supplement the more direct interaction, but should not be used exclusively.
  - When able, sit in on the weekly class to get to know the person you are supporting better and to understand the material being presented.
  - Be a prayer intercessor who will regularly pray for the person you are assigned to and regularly pray for the ministry
  - Critical Importance of Confidentiality – this ministry needs to be a safe place for men/women to open up and share their struggles without being judged or called out in public
- Rules of Engagement for Accountability Partners – go over line by line (available in the FORMS section of this Facilitator Guide)
- Complete Application – will be screened by Ministry Leaders prior to being paired with a man/woman in the Ministry (available in the FORMS section of this Facilitator Guide)

Helpful Resources for Accountability Partners to read to learn more about supporting persons with Same-sex attraction:

*All Things New: a Former Lesbian's Lifelong Search for Love* by Debora Barr (True Potential Publishing 2012)

*Freedom Realized: Finding Freedom from Homosexuality and Living a Life Free from Labels* by Stephen H. Black

*Gay Children Straight Parents a Plan for Family Healing* by Richard Cohen (InterVarsity Press 2007)

*When Homosexuality Hits Home: What to Do When a Loved One Says They're Gay* by Joe Dallas (Harvest House Publishers 2004)

*Love is an Orientation: Elevating the Conversation with the Gay Community* by Andrew Marin (InterVarsity Press 2009)

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