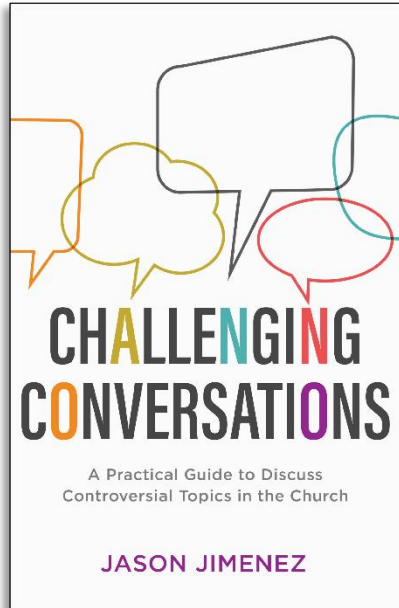


How to Stop Avoiding Controversial Conversations in the Church and Learn to Be Confident and Clear in Sharing a Biblical Perspective



In today's political and social climate, Christians are avoiding critical conversations about controversial topics in the church, either out of fear of conflict or because they feel inadequately equipped to address such topics as racism, politics, liberal Christians, divorce, porn, and mental illness.

In his new book **Challenging Conversations: A Practical Guide to Discuss Controversial Topics in the Church**, Jason Jimenez, president of Stand Strong Ministries and a faculty member at Summit Ministries, shares a method that will instill confidence in readers on how to tackle difficult topics by being an advocate for Christ in every conversation. This dynamic resource offers straightforward answers to some of the most challenging moral issues disrupting the church today.

“Christians play a crucial role in this fight to redeem the church from the grip of worldly beliefs and strongholds,” writes Jimenez. “They need to be biblically trained on the controversial issues (divorce, depression and mental illness,

substance abuse, porn, liberal politics, racism) floating around the church, while learning how to winsomely respond to such issues.”

Challenging Conversations takes an honest look at the fear crippling Christians—and emboldens them to become a conversant Christian unafraid to jump into the disagreements affecting the church and confront the stigmas people hold against Christians.

Each chapter begins with a true story, clarifies misconceptions and misunderstandings about the subject, and equips readers to build rapport, ask the right questions, find points of agreement, and take the next fruitful step in the relationship.

Because even if Christians disagree on a moral issue, that shouldn't make them mortal enemies.

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Suggested Interview Questions for the Author of *Challenging Conversations*

- 1- Why did you feel the need for this book?
- 2- What do you mean by a “conversant Christian,” and what are the three highly effective tactics of a conversant Christian?
- 3- Why are challenging conversations a “necessary evil”? (pg. 15)
- 4- Explain the difference between a mature way to approach conversations and an immature way?
- 5- During an election year and with racism at the forefront of people’s minds, how can these conversations bring out the gospel?
- 6- Can you explain what you mean by “many of the controversies in the church are due to the moral decline of the church”?
- 7- What are the three top excuses Christians have for avoiding tough conversations and why?
- 8- What is your hope for people who read this book?

“Our world is filled with the noise of competing voices shouting about topics that make many Christians uncomfortable: sex addiction and pornography, suicide, gender-confusion, divorce, politics . . . the list goes on. *Challenging Conversations* will equip you to speak clearly and confidently about God’s perspective on these issues in a way that honors him and opens doors.”

Jim Daly, president, Focus on the Family



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