Check Yourself: Understanding Your own Beliefs

- 1. If someone were to come out to you as LGBT, what would your first thought be?
- 2. How would you feel if your child came out to you as LGBT? How would you feel if your mother, father or sibling came out to you as LGBT?
- 3. Would you go to a physician whom you thought was LGBT if they were of a different gender than you? What if they were the same gender as you?
- 4. Have you ever been to an LGBT social event, march or worship service? Why or why not?
- 5. Can you think of three historical figures who were lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender?
- 6. Have you ever laughed at or made a joke at the expense of LBGT people?
- 7. Have you ever stood up for an LGBT person being harassed? Why or why not?
- 8. If you do not identify as LGBT, how would you feel if people thought you were LGBT?

Recognizing your own biases is an important first step. Discuss why your answers important.

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