Reflection Worksheet

Part 3: The Bible Says So?

Questions for Conversation and Reflection

- 1) Do you agree or disagree with Pastor Michael's claim that "when the Bible is turned into a tool to justify violence, faithfulness to God might require removing landmines?"
- 2) What is at stake in choosing to avoid biblical landmines in relation to the LGBTQAI+ community?
- 3) When someone begins a debate with the phrase "The Bible says...", what are some possible responses?
- 4) Have you ever heard the claim that the words "homosexual" or "homosexuality" were not in the Hebrew, Greek, or Aramaic languages, and that these words were not invented until the 19th century? Do you find this statement surprising? Is it helpful in making the case for inclusion?
- 5) Repeating the question from last week: Knowing that the Bible has been used as a tool for exclusion and violence, what are some ways we can undo this, work to disarm it, and ensure this doesn't happen among us?