“More than any other issue of our times, the church’s response to the gay debate has alienated young people from God, church, the Bible, and their own families. Conservative believers—gay and straight—are increasingly facing a painful dilemma: affirm what they have traditionally understood Scripture to say, or affirm what they increasingly see to be true about their gay friends and loved ones. God and the Gay Christian shows a third way—one that honors those who are different and the authority of Scripture. In this carefully researched and important book, Matthew Vines makes a compelling case for biblically-grounded responses to such questions as: How could traditional beliefs have been wrong for thousands of years on such an important topic? What is the story of Sodom and Gomorrah really saying about human relationships? Can celibacy be a calling when it is mandated, not chosen? What did Paul have in mind when he warned against same-sex relations? Do biblical teachings on the marriage covenant preclude same-sex marriage or not?” The Reformation Project

Join us for a light dinner Sunday, September 18th at 6PM here at church as we introduce Matthew Vines’ book, ***God and the Gay Christian*** and a short video he personally narrates, followed by casual dialogue that will not only be enlightening, but respectful for all comers, whether you agree or disagree with Matthew Vines’ conclusions. Terry and I will share our take on his book, how this topic has impacted our family, and our experience of meeting Matthew and Emmanuel’s role early-on helping Matthew to make the decision to host his upcoming conference, The Reformation Project, here in So Cal. We will also include highlights about the upcoming conference and how to register for the event at the Hilton Hotel in Long Beach October 20 – October 22, 2016.

Paperback copies of ***God and the Gay Christian*** will be available for $9 each; however all are welcome to attend whether or not you own the book.

Here’s a short clip of Matthew summarizing his journey and how the book came to be:

<https://youtu.be/ZyihYkdGUew>