

SOCIAL JUSTICE BOOK CLUB

All are welcome to join the virtual discussion on **Thursday, Oct 15th at 7:00pm** of:

God vs. Gay?: The Religious Case for Equality by Jay Michaelson

“The myth that the Bible forbids homosexuality—the myth of “God versus Gay”—is behind some of the most divisive and painful conflicts of our day. In this provocative and game-changing book, scholar and activist Jay Michaelson shows that the Bible does not prohibit same-sex intimacy but does quite the opposite. In fact, the vast majority of the Bible’s teachings support the full equality and dignity of LGBTQ people, from the first flaw it finds in creation (“It is not good for a person to be alone”) to the way religious communities grow through reflection and conscience. Michaelson argues passionately for equality—not despite religion, but because of it.

With close readings of the Hebrew Bible and New Testament, the latest data on the science of sexual orientation, and a sympathetic, accessible, and ecumenical approach to religious faith, Michaelson makes the case that sexual diversity is part of the beauty of nature. The recognition of same-sex families will strengthen, not threaten, the values religious people hold dear. Whatever your views on religion and sexual diversity, God vs. Gay is a plea for a more compassionate, informed conversation—and a first step toward creating one.”

We will be meeting on **Thursday, October 15th at 7:00 p.m.** via Zoom to begin discussing the book.

The Zoom link will be posted on the Faith Families Facebook page or email: Esther Rusch (e.rusch386@gmail.com) to be sent the link.