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RECENTLY, WE ASKED PEOPLE WHO DONT ATTEND LIFT+LOVE SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS:

"WHAT CONCERNS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT ATTENDING A SUPPORT GROUP?"...



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TUEL WE ASSED ON YOUR OWN
PERSONAL EXPERIENCES
WITH LIFT+LOVE SUPPORT
GROUP MEETINGS...

HOW WOULD YOU RESPOND TO THESE 3 COMMON CONCERNS?





"IT WILL BE HARD TO TALK **ABOUT MY STRUGGLES WITH** PEOPLE WHO I DON'T EVEN KNOW..." It's incredibly

"Joining (a) support group took me from fear & worry to bring loved and supported and that made all the difference"

relieving to talk and listen with people who understand"

"(For me), it turned out to be easier to talk to strangers in the group, because I don't see them later at church/work/school"

> "You can always attend as an observer. You will learn a lot in one hour!"

"Nobody knows what you are going through more than others who are walking the same lonely road"

"some days are hard and you don't feel like opening up and that's ok. Just being with a group of moms who TOTALLY understand what you are experiencing is sometimes enough to keep going" I TFT + 19VF

"It's amazing to see how similar a stranger's struggles are to your own and (to realize) that they might understand you the most"

> "I've found the (support groups) to be very accepting & comforting"



"I'M WORRIED...THAT I (OR MY CHILD) COULD BE OUTED IF MY FAMILY/FRIENDS FIND OUT I ATTEND SUPPORT MEETINGS"

"I have found this space to be incredibly safe"

"Lift + Love has always felt like a safe place, like coming home. You can join the zoom meetings without your camera on and change your zoom name for anonymity. But I think you'll find that it's not necessary for long" "There are plenty of allies who attend support groups that just to learn (so attending doesn't necessarily mean people will assume you're LGBTQ)"

"If anyone understands the need for confidentiality, it is this group"

"These Mamas (in the parent support groups) know the importance of keeping our kids safe. You can trust us"

"Confidentiality is essential and supported in this environment"

"We know what is at stake and want you to stay safe"

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"I'M ACTIVE IN THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS. I'M CONCERNED THAT GROUP MEMBERS MIGHT ENCOURAGE ME TO LEAVE THE CHURCH"

"I haven't felt that pressure at all.

I feel supported in doing what
works best for my family"

"I would be completely inactive (in the Church) without these meetings"

"Sometimes I want to leave (the Church), to be honest. These meetings actually HELP me stay"

"All support groups are not created equal. Rest assured, Lift+Love (support groups) are faith-affirming"

"We hold space for everyone, where they are at" "Most are there because they are trying to stay (in the church), not leave"

"This group of people understand the importance of honoring individual journeys"

"Every type of situation seems to be represented, so much empathy and no pressure"

"It's a zero judgement zone"

