

Queering the Lone Star State  
Episode 6 Guiding Questions

Why is it important to know the personal stories behind a federal case like *Baker v. Wade*?

How important was religion in Don Baker's life?

How would you describe Don Baker's process of coming to terms with his sexual orientation?

What series of events prompted Don Baker to become a gay activist?

In what ways did the Texas homosexual conduct law affect the lives of queer Texans?

Why did African American legislators like Craig Washington and Sam Hudson think eliminating the state homosexual conduct law was necessary?

What constitutional arguments did Don Baker and his legal team make against the Texas homosexual conduct law? Were these arguments persuasive?

How significant was federal Judge Jerry Buchmeyer's 1982 opinion in *Baker v. Wade*?

What was the long-term significance of *Baker v. Wade*?