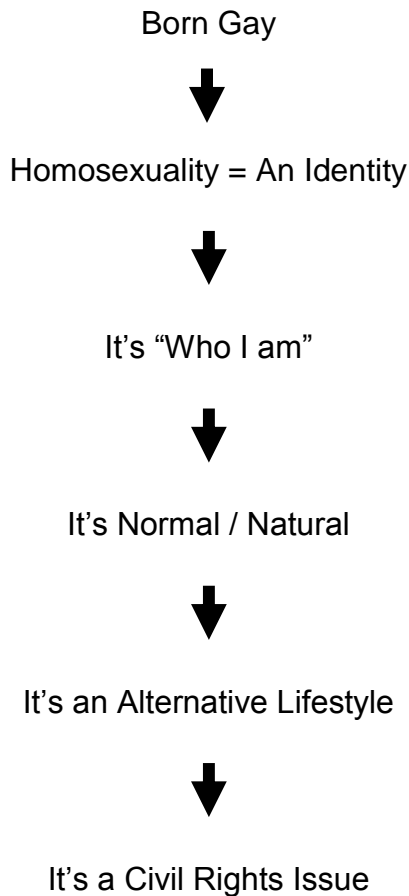


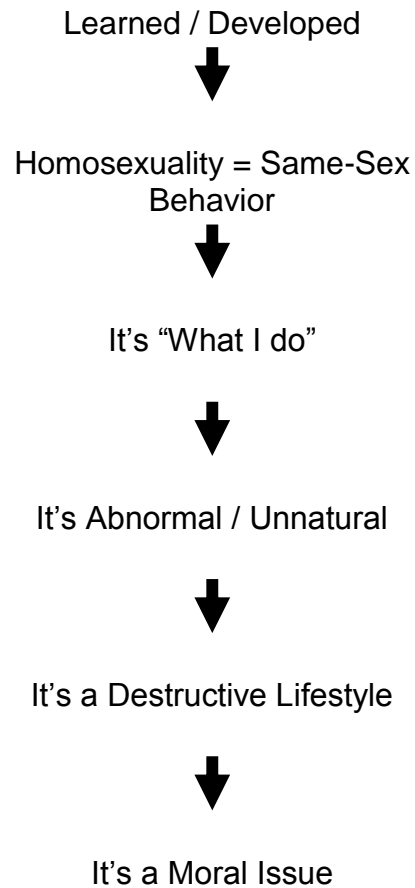
Introduction: Where do we begin?

Understanding the Issue – Two positions:

**Homosexuality is a moral,
alternative sexual orientation**



**Homosexuality is an immoral,
prohibited sexual lifestyle**



Examining the Evidence – 7 Premises of Homosexuality:

- **Premise #1** – I was _____ this way.
 - Genetic Factors
 - Developmental Factors
 - Environmental Factors
- **Premise #2** – _____ of the population are homosexuals.
(or “How could so many be so wrong?”)
- **Premise #3** – The homosexual lifestyle is a _____, healthy,
“alternative” to heterosexuality.

- **Premise #4** – The Bible may condemn lustful, indiscriminate homosexuality, but not _____, committed homosexual practice.
 - Creation / Created Intent Genesis 1:27-28, 2:18-24
 - Destruction of Sodom Genesis 19:4-9
 - Old Testament Moral Law Leviticus 18:22, 20:13
 - New Testament Teaching Romans 1:26-27
1 Corinthians 6:9-10
1 Timothy 1:9-10
 - Why? - God's Protection, God's provision
- **Premise #5** – Homosexual feelings and _____ to the same sex must mean I'm a homosexual.
- **Premise #6** – Once a homosexual, _____ a homosexual.
- **Premise #7** – All Christians are “_____” and could never fully accept me, if they knew I struggle with homosexual feelings, fantasies, or practice.

Conclusion – Where do we go from here?

Discussion Questions:

1. How has the church failed to respond in both **truth** and **love** to the homosexual community?
2. Why is it so important to clearly identify the presuppositions (or “basic logic”) behind how people think and behave?
3. Which of the 7 premises gave you new insights into homosexuality? What was said today that “challenged your thinking” or present views? Discuss these.
4. How could God use you as an agent of **truth** and **love** in your present circumstances with regard to homosexuality?
5. In what way might you need additional help, either personally, or in helping a friend?