



Interacting with the LGBT Community

Biblical Verses

- Quick Journey through the ‘Clobber Verses’
- We’re not theologians
- Our interpretation

Sodom & Gomorrah Genesis 19

- God has sent 2 angels into the city of Sodom.
- They threaten to rape them.
- Is this akin to #LGBT+?
- Ezekiel 16:49 highlights that **Sodom's crime was** not to extend hospitality to the poor and needy, not being gay.



Leviticus 18:22

- Homosexual behaviour is an abomination.
- The word abomination is the same one used as with eating shellfish or wearing clothes of 2 different materials.
- **It's written as part of the Old Testament code.**
- Refers to Pagan ritualistic sex not love.



Romans 1:26-27

- ‘Even women exchanged natural sexual *relations for unnatural ones*’ & ‘*Consumed with Passion*’
- Refers to idolatrous practices and based on Stoicism, prevalent in Corinth where Paul is writing.
- Lust is not about monogamous sincere relationships.

Malakoi & Arsenokoitai

- From 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 & 1 Timothy 1:10
- Do not be deceived neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor effeminate nor homosexuals will inherit the Kingdom of God.
- Key aspect here is that the word homosexual (1869, 1946)
- Effeminate – shaving daily or soft clothing
- Greek definition suggests rape and abuse

Biblical Verses

- Of the 31000+ verses we have 6 verses which possibly relate to LGBT.
- Of these 6 verses the interpretation is in doubt by many theologians
- Should we alienate the LGBT community or show love as Jesus commanded? Did Jesus mention LGBT in any guise?
- **‘Love One Another as I have loved you’**

Where are we?

- How did we come from being fundamentalists to LGBT activists, and still Christian?



Signposts

- [Mermaids_Gender](#) – supporting Transgender
- [Gires](#) – supporting Transgender
- [FFLAG](#) – supporting parents of LGBT
- [Diverse Church](#) – across the UK 18-30s
- [Two23](#) – supporting LGBT Christians
- [Stonewall](#)

Our Support Group, LGBT Lincs

- www.lincsparentslgbt.org.uk
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- @LGBTLincs on Twitter
- Open and Secret Facebook groups
- Telephone support
- Personal one to one support
- Gatherings of Parents to share the journey

