

#### Interacting with the LGBT Community

#### **Biblical Verses**

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

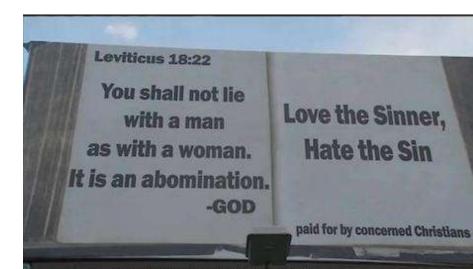
# Sodom & Gomorrah Genesis 19

- 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

- <u>Mermaids\_Gender</u> supporting Transgender
- <u>Gires</u> supporting Transgender
- <u>FFLAG</u> supporting parents of LGBT
- <u>Diverse Church</u> across the UK 18-30s
- <u>Two23</u> supporting LGBT Christians
- <u>Stonewall</u>

## Our Support Group, LGBT Lincs

- <u>www.lincsparentslgbt.org.uk</u>
- <u>lincsparentslgbt@gmail.com</u>
- **@LGBTLincs** on Twitter
- Open and Secret Facebook groups
- Telephone support
- Personal one to one support
- Gatherings of Parents to share the journey