**Questions we will endeavor to answer during this session:**

 **1. What is homosexuality?**

 **Sexual and emotional attraction toward someone of the same sex.**

 **Males are labeled as** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**gay**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 **Females are labeled as** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**lesbian**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **or** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**gay**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Those who extend their sexual attraction to the opposite sex as well are labeled as** \_\_\_**bisexual**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**.**

**Those going to the extreme of changing surgically their sex organs in order to accommodate their attraction are labeled as** \_\_\_**transgendered**\_\_\_\_.

**Thus we have the** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**LGBT(Q)**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **community.**

 **2. What was God’s original plan for man as a sexual being?**

 **God created man to be a** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**relational**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **being.**

 **The Bible does not command** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**celibacy**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **or** \_\_**heterosexuality**\_\_ **but God does command** \_\_\_\_\_**holiness**\_\_\_\_\_.

 **We can experience a** \_\_\_**sanctified**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **emotional bond with someone of the** \_\_\_\_\_**same**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**sex**\_\_\_\_\_.

 **3. Does God view homosexuality as sin?**

**The answer is** \_\_\_**yes**\_\_\_ **but it is not treated** \_\_\_\_**separately**\_\_\_ **from other sin.**

**God viewed such activity as an** \_\_\_\_\_\_**abomination**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Sinful** \_\_\_\_\_**desire**\_\_\_\_\_ **precedes sinful** \_\_\_\_\_**behavior**\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_**Covetousness/Selfishness**\_\_\_ **is at the heart of homosexuality.**

**Homosexuality is a sin against** \_\_\_**God**\_\_\_ **and against the** \_\_\_\_**body**\_\_\_\_ **where the** \_\_\_\_\_**Holy**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**Spirit**\_\_\_\_ **dwells, but is as** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_**forgivable**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **as any other sin.**

 **4. How does the world view homosexuality?**

 **The world says:**

 **\*If you don’t fit the mold, you can’t live a normal life. \*Do your own thing. \*Whatever you want to believe is fine and acting on your belief is fine. \*It’s your body—do whatever you want with it. It’s nobody else’s business. \*Everyone deserves to be loved by someone, so find love wherever you want.**

**Some are attracted to those of the same sex because it is** \_\_\_\_**embedded**\_\_\_\_ **in their sin nature or they have been** \_\_\_\_\_**conditioned**\_\_\_\_\_ **to it.**

**We must look to the** \_\_\_\_\_**object**\_\_\_\_\_\_ **of the attraction or temptation.**

**To wish for or desire something God** \_\_\_\_**forbids**\_\_\_\_ **is** \_\_\_**always**\_\_\_ **sin.**

 **5. How should Christians respond?**

 **Realize that God has made no** \_\_\_\_\_\_**mistakes**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Realize that homosexuality is** \_\_**sin**\_\_\_\_, **but only** \_\_\_**one**\_\_\_\_ **of** \_\_\_\_**many**\_\_\_.

**Realize the** \_\_\_\_**signs**\_\_\_\_\_ **that might lead to this lifestyle.**

**Realize the possible** \_\_\_\_\_\_**consequences**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_\_**Pray**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Be a** \_\_\_\_**safe**\_\_\_\_\_\_ **person.**

**Don’t forever** \_\_\_\_\_**define**\_\_\_\_\_ **a person by this issue.**

**Make sure your** \_\_\_\_\_**church**\_\_\_\_\_ **is a place where** \_\_\_\_**singles**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **are held in high esteem.**

**Promote all kinds of** \_\_\_\_\_**friendships**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, **particularly among young people.**

**Make sure your church has a** \_\_\_\_\_**family**\_\_\_\_ **feel and that it is** \_\_\_\_\_\_**biblically**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**grounded**\_\_\_\_\_\_.

 **6. What do those caught in the homosexual lifestyle really need to know?**

 **Homosexuality is a** \_\_**sin**\_\_ **and is not** \_\_\_\_\_**condoned**\_\_\_\_\_ **by God.**

**God** \_\_\_\_**desires**\_\_\_\_\_ **and is** \_\_\_\_\_**willing**\_\_\_\_\_\_ **to** \_\_\_\_**forgive**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_**change**\_\_\_\_\_\_ **them.**

**With God’s help, they are able to change their** \_\_\_\_\_**thinking**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **and their** \_\_\_**behavior**\_\_\_.

**Once forgiven and in a repentant state, they are** \_\_**very**\_\_\_\_\_\_**usable**\_\_\_\_\_ **to God.**

**Fulfillment can be found in** \_\_**God**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**alone**\_\_\_\_.

**Transformed** \_\_\_**behavior**\_\_\_ **grows out of transformed** \_\_\_**thinking**\_\_\_\_.

**God requires more than** \_\_\_**avoidance**\_\_\_ **of sinful behavior. He requires** \_\_\_**repentance**\_\_\_ **from the sinful** \_\_\_**desire**\_\_\_\_\_ **that developed the behavior.**

**To act out on homosexual desire is** \_\_\_\_\_**unloving**\_\_\_\_\_\_ **because it puts another in a position of** \_\_\_\_**God’s**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**wrath**\_\_\_\_\_.