**Introduction**: Where do we begin?

**Understanding the Issue – Two positions:**

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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?