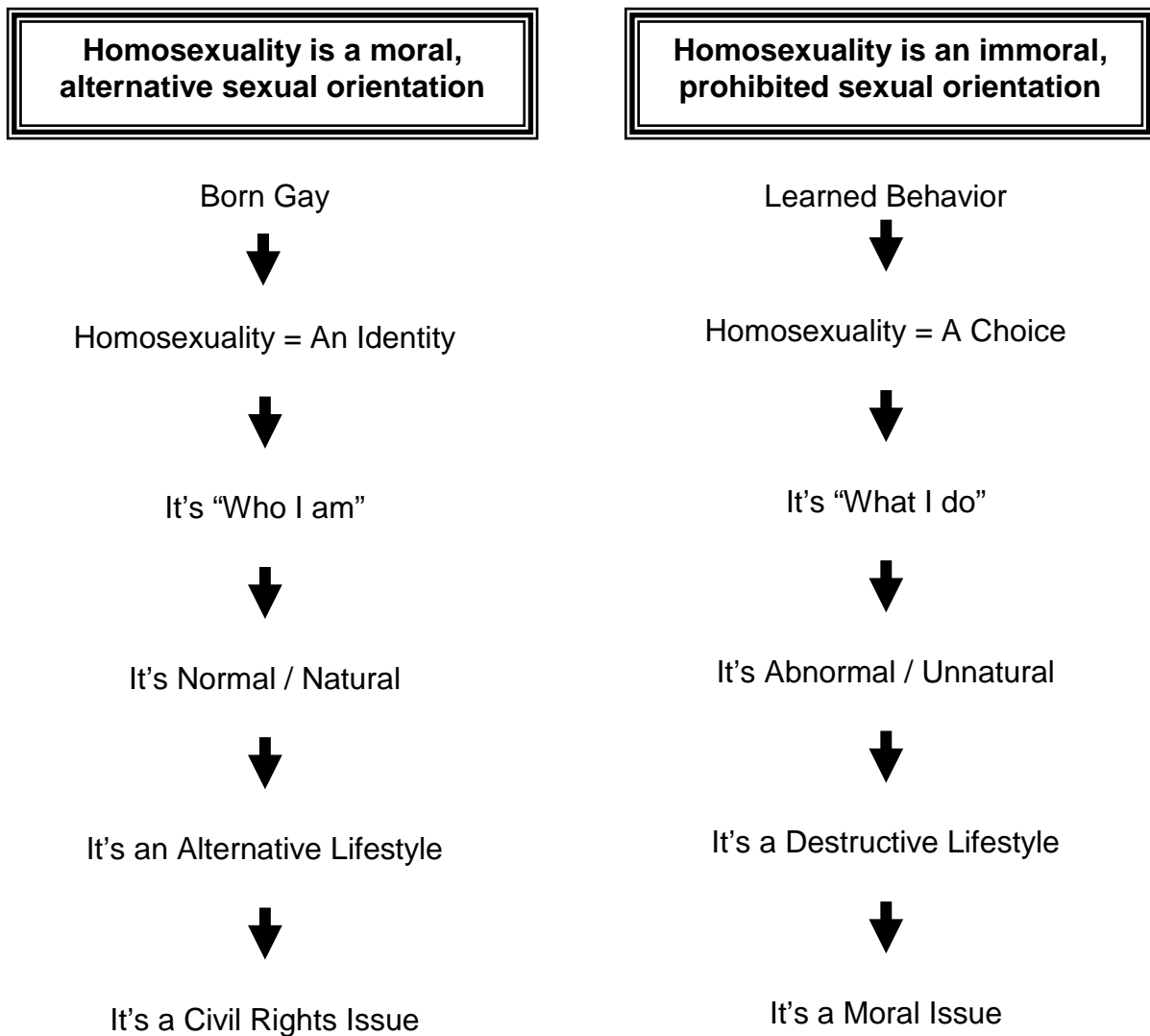


Introduction: Where do we begin?

Framing the Issue = 2 Positions:



Examining the Evidence – 7 Myths of Homosexuality:

- **Myth #1** – I was born this way
 - Genetic Factors
 - Developmental Factors
 - Environmental Factors
- **Myth #2** – 10% of the population are homosexuals (or “How could so many be so wrong?”)
- **Myth #3** – The homosexual lifestyle is a normal, healthy, “alternative” to heterosexuality.

- **Myth #4** – The Bible may condemn lustful, indiscriminate homosexuality, but not loving, committed homosexual practice.
 - Creation / Created Intent Genesis 1:27-28, 2:18-24
 - Destruction of Sodom Genesis 19:4-9
 - Old Testament 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
- **Myth #5** – Homosexual feelings and attractions to the same sex must mean I'm a homosexual.
- **Myth #6** – Once a homosexual, always a homosexual.
- **Myth #7** – All Christians are “homophobic” 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 myths 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?

In what way might you need additional help, either personally or in helping a friend?
(**Resource Information** available on the tables in the back)