

QUESTIONS ABOUT

Homosexuality

**You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female;
it is an abomination.**

Leviticus 18:22

Below are some of the common arguments people use to defend homosexuality. Briefly explain how you would answer each one. Use the scriptures provided to back up your response with the word of God.

- [Argument #1] “God made me this way. You have no right to condemn me.”
- [Argument #2] “Science has proven that there is a gene that makes people gay. So, this is something beyond a person’s ability to control.”
- [Argument #3] “I can’t help myself. I desire people of the same sex.”
- [Argument #4] “You have no right to judge how other people live their lives.”
- [Argument #5] “As long as this involves two consenting adults, people should have the freedom to live however they want to live.”
- [Argument #6] “You just oppose homosexuality because you hate homosexuals.”

The Text

Leviticus 18:22
Ephesians 5:3-13

Leviticus 20:13
Romans 6:16-18

Romans 1:18-32
Matthew 7:1-5

I Corinthians 6:9-11

TEACHER'S GUIDE

Instructions:

Take each argument that people use to defend homosexuality and have the students write a response. Talk over their answers before moving on to the next argument. I have included some scriptures to consider. You will probably want to include a few of your own. I have listed below some of the replies that I would offer.

Observations:

[Argument #1] "God made me this way. You have no right to condemn me."

1. How do you know that? Where does the Bible say that?
2. God condemns homosexuality (Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13, Romans 1:18-32, I Corinthians 6:9-11). How could one then argue that He made people this way?

[Argument #2] "Science has proven that there is a gene that makes people gay. So, this is something beyond a person's ability to control."

1. How do you know that? Which scientist made this discover? In what scientific or medical journal was his finding published?
2. God condemns homosexuality (Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13, Romans 1:18-32, I Corinthians 6:9-11). How could one then argue that he made people this way?

[Argument #3] "I can't help myself. I desire people of the same sex."

1. The Bible acknowledges that there would be people who feel desire for the same sex (Romans 1:26-27). However, this does not prove that God made them this way or that He approves of their behavior. These evil desires result from their own perverse thinking and behavior. It is not the work of God. Also, God does not approve of such people acting on these desires (Romans 1:27).
2. We expect other people to control evil desires and not to act on them. Some evil men feel desire for little children. If they act on those desires, we label their behavior as wicked and sinful and we throw them in jail. Some married men desire to be with other women. We expect them to control this desire and be faithful to their wives. If a man feels a desire for another man, he should control this desire and not act on it.

[Argument #4] "You have no right to judge how other people live their lives."

1. Nobody believes this. We judge other people's choices all the time ("It was wrong for him to cheat on his wife." "He should not cut in line.")
2. The Bible does not condemn all judgment of other people. Read carefully Matthew 7:1-5. At times Christians are forced to make judgments about the conduct of others (Galatians 6:1, Ephesians 5:11).

[Argument #5] "As long as this involves two consenting adults, people should have the freedom to live however they want to live."

1. Again, no one believes this. We do not allow consenting adults to drive 100 miles an hour through a school zone or even to marry as many people as they want to.
2. We don't have the freedom to live anyway we choose. We are slaves of righteousness (Romans 6:16-18).

[Argument #6] "You oppose homosexuality because you hate homosexuals."

1. Assume for a moment this is true, if we hated homosexuals and believe that their sin will condemn them to hell, then why say anything? We would just leave them alone and allow them to be lost.
2. Speaking up against this evil behavior and calling for change reflects a love for these lost souls and a desire to see them saved.