

Session 2 - The Hebrew Scriptures

In this session, you will engage in reading and study of the Hebrew Scriptures (Old Testament) that address same sex relations, particularly in Genesis 19 and Leviticus 18 and 20.

Guiding Questions

- 1.) What was the sin(s) of Sodom and Gomorrah? Is “Sodomy” an accurate synonym for homosexuality?
- 2.) Do the commands of Leviticus still apply to Gentile Christians in 2024? All of them? Some of them? How do we decide?
- 3.) Are these Hebrew Scriptures black and white on the issue of homosexuality, or does the historical context add some nuance?

Required

Reading

Genesis 18:16 - 19:38

Judges 19 (Trigger Warning: Abuse and Rape)

Leviticus 18 - 20

Chapters 11 and 12 from *Changing Our Mind: Definitive 3rd Edition of the Landmark Call for Inclusion of LGBTQ Christians* by David P. Gushee

Chapters 2 and 3 from *What Does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality* by Kevin DeYoung

Videos

Was Homosexuality the Sin of *Sodom and Gomorrah* by Matthew Vines

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkL0MG0LfgI>

Language Helps

Glossary of Terms - <https://www.hrc.org/resources/glossary-of-terms>

Additional Resources

Books

Changing Our Mind: Definitive 3rd Edition of the Landmark Call for Inclusion of LGBTQ Christians by David P. Gushee
Affirming Christian - Side A

What Does the Bible Really Teach about Homosexuality by Kevin DeYoung
Non-Affirming Christian - Side Y

God and the Gay Christian: The Biblical Case in Support of Same-Sex Relationships by Matthew Vines
Affirming Gay Christian - Side A

Does the Bible Support Same-Sex Marriage: 21 Conversations from a Historically Christian View by Preston Sprinkle
Non Affirming Christian - Side B