

SMALL GROUP CURRICULUM VIDEO: https://vimeo.com/642622092/69EB8580CA

Main Idea

Sex is a good gift from God that is meant to be enjoyed exclusively in the context of marriage.

Starter

What was your favorite Halloween costume when you were a kid? What did you do for Halloween last week?

Discuss

Discuss how your group can reach out to others through the Holidays with the love of Jesus.

- Follow up on the Own Your Street Initiative: How is praying for your family, friends, and neighbors encouraging you to grow in your relationship with Jesus? [If anyone hasn't signed up-don't shame them, just encourage them to jump in.
 - O Do you sense there is anyone in your neighborhood or network that is open to your faith? How could you take a step to show them the love of Jesus?
- Serving Others: What could you or your group do to serve those in need in your community this year?

Read

If your group is co-ed, this would be a good week to break up into male and females for the discussion to create a safe place to share and engage God's Word on this topic.

Read Song of Solomon 2:4-7 and 1 Corinthians 6:13-19. Discuss:

- How do these passages teach you about God's purpose for sex and intimacy?
- What does God's purpose for sex show you about God? About yourself?
- Share one specific way you have been more influenced by the world's view of sex than the vision of God's Word.
- What is a step you could take to trust God's grace and power to honor God more in this area of your life? How can we help you with that step?

Make sure to remind your group of the Gospel. The topic of sexuality can create a lot of guilt and shame for people due to past mistakes or current struggles. Remind your group that no one is perfect, but God is faithful to forgive us from our failures and give us the power to change as we rely on Him and others. Encourage your group that Jesus' identity for them as a son or daughter in Christ is SO much more important and stronger than the world's view of them.

Apply

Make sure to remind your group of the Gospel and spend time praying for the steps of faith and freedom God is leading them to take.

* If anyone wants to dig deeper on God's design for sex and marriage, you can share additional resources here.