

SPECIAL PARENT NOTES – Apr 28 and May 05

Our class the next 2 Sundays (Apr 28 and May 05) will focus on understanding that sexual activity typically results from a progression of emotional and physical activity rather than a one-time decision to have sex. We will also talk to your teens about what actions constitutes sex and refute the idea that sexual intercourse is the only action that is outside of God's design for sex within marriage. The class will begin with having our teens anonymously complete a 1-page survey to review a list of progressively intense romantic activities and state whether they have engaged in such activities and whether they believe the activities are within God's will outside of marriage. Both classes will be split Male/Female classes to allow for gender appropriate discussion.

In these classes we will cover the following:

1. Progression of activities that leads to sexual intercourse
 - a. Anonymous survey of progression of romantic/sexual activity
 - b. Will include explicit discussion of acts that many teens increasingly do not identify as sex, but that violate God's model for sex only within marriage bonds. Discussion will attempt to ensure your teens understand that any pre-marital activity intended to provide/receive sexual pleasure is outside of God's model of sex within a committed marriage bond.
2. Where does God draw the line in this progression outside of marriage?
 - a. Satan → rationalization and lies about God's view (Gen 3:1-6)
 - b. Not only specific physical activity, but also intention of your heart (Mt 5:27-28)
 - c. Not even a hint of sexual immorality (Eph 4:17-24; 5:1-11)
3. Establishing "Good" boundaries to protect our hearts as a tool for maintaining purity
4. Danger of boundaries becoming legalistic - "what I can get away with" (1 Cor 6:9-20)



The Ride Home



1. Why are there increasing pressures/temptations to become more physical as dating relationships persist over time?
 - a. Increasing emotional attachment, comfort level,
2. Have you seen teen relationships in our group in which the couple's level of comfort with physical affection was too high? If so, what lessons can we learn from that for you?
3. What are appropriate physical actions in a dating relationship?
 - a. Holding hands? Kissing? Cuddling? None of the above?
4. How does God's words in Eph 5:3 ("there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality") impact how we set boundaries in our dating relationships?
 - a. No gray areas, goal is being like God and not how far can I go w/o crossing line