HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

HIM + HER
TEACHING GUIDE
WEEK 3

MAIN SCRIPTURES:	MAIN POINTS:	JESUS CONNECTION:
Romans 1:18-2:4	As Christians we are called to balance living in God's grace and truth.	We have all sinned and all need forgiveness that only Jesus can give to us.

VIDEO + LIVE TEACHING FORMAT

SERIES INTRO/RECAP

- We are in Week 3 of our Him + Her series where we've be talking about godly advice for dating relationships and sexual integrity.
- OPEN COMMUNICATION - Yup I said it, SEX. We know it can feel awkward sometimes to talk about; we want to open those lines of communication up and let you know this is a safe place to talk about things like attraction, dating, and yes sex because we care about you and we believe that is important for you to live your best life.
- Last week we talked about how guys and girls may be different, but we can still seek to understand and respect one another. We also talked about how we can respect God with our body.
- Today's topic goes in a different direction that you may have been wondering: so if God designed sex to be between man and woman in a marriage, what about those who are attracted to the same sex?

TODAY'S TOPIC SAME-SEX SEXUALITY:

- We are going to watch a video clip where some people share their stories and we start learning what the Bible has to say, then we'll talk together about it.
- SHOW HSM SAME-SEX SEXUALITY VIDEO CLIP.

HSM VERSION OF VIDEO CLIP covers the following points:

- **MAIN SCRIPTURES:** Zacchaeus story overview, Romans 2:4, Matthew 19:4-5, Romans 1:26-30
- **TEACHING POINTS (GRACE):**
  - Zacchaeus example: Zacchaeus was a tax-collector in an anti-tax collector culture. Zacchaeus encountered God's kindness in Jesus before he began following Jesus.
  - What is Sin? Attractions and temptations are not sin, but acting on lust or engaging in sexual behavior outside of God's design of marriage is sin.
- **TEACHING POINTS (TRUTH):**
  - Jesus and the Bible define marriage is a union between a man and a woman.
  - The Bible defines same-sex relationships as sin.
  - God loves all people but hates all sin. We all need Jesus. We have all sinned and all need forgiveness that only Jesus can give to us.

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CLOSING:

- That was a LOT and I'm sure we have a lot of thoughts going through our minds right now. First, I want to remind **everyone this is a safe space for us to talk to each other.** Some of us might feel differently than others or really be wrestling with what the Bible says about same-sex sexuality. Let's respect and honor each other as we talk in small groups.
- **The Bible does say that same-sex sexuality is a sin, but it also says we are ALL sinners who need Jesus**. I'm a sinner. You're a sinner. The person sitting next to you and leading your small group – we are all sinners that need Jesus.
- **As Christians we are called to balance living in God's grace and truth.** This means learning what the Bible has to say about both what is a sin and how we are all sinners who need grace. Let me pray for us and then let's head to small groups.

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