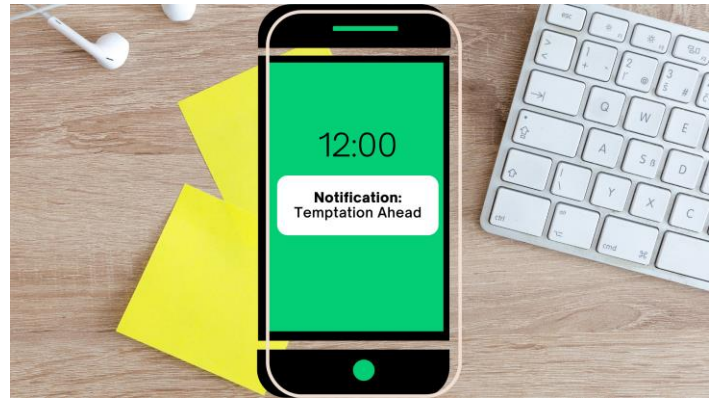


**Notification: Temptation Ahead**  
**Week 1 of 4**  
**March 7, 2021**



## LEADER PREP

### GOALS OF SMALL GROUP

- (1) To open conversation and let students know small group is a safe place to talk about attractions, relationships, and sex.
- (2) To point students toward relying on God's Word, parents, and church leaders more than their friends or culture when it comes to understanding attraction, relationships, and sex.

### SCRIPTURE

Genesis 1:27-28 & 2:24

### THINK ABOUT THIS

Due to the nature of this series topic, we want you to be extra prepared in spirit, heart, and mind. Please be sure to take extra time on your own before leading lessons to:

- Read over all the material in leader packet,
- Attend huddles on time,
- And pray for the Holy Spirit to prepare you and lead you as you lead your students in discussion.

*This guide is a suggestion, not a formula. Adjust the questions and activities as needed, and don't feel like you need to do, or ask, everything you see here. Let the students and the Holy Spirit guide the conversation, too.*

## CONVERSATION GUIDE

### MAIN POINT

**Sex is good and sex is powerful, so respect it.**

### GET THEM TALKING

1. How can notifications, like on a phone, be helpful?
2. What are some consequences of ignoring notifications?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

3. On a scale from 1 to 10, hold up your fingers to show: How comfortable do you feel about talking in small groups about things like dating, attraction, and sex? *Be honest, it's ok. We get it may not always feel comfortable, but we want you to know this is a safe place to talk about these things because we care about you and think it's important.*

### **READ GENESIS 1:27-28 & 2:24 and answer the following questions:**

4. Who created sex?
5. How did God design for it to be used?
6. What are some negative consequences of using sex outside of its original design?
7. Why is this important to talk about now?
8. What are different things people at school, in tv/movies, or social media say about dating, attraction, and sex?
9. Do you think those are the best, most reliable sources for information? Where else can you go for reliable, godly information?
10. What are ways middle schoolers can respect God's design for sex?

### NEXT STEP

You may still have questions or questions may come up later. Remember **to think through who you are hearing advice from about attraction, dating, and sex and if they are the most reliable source?** Take your questions to a godly, trusted adult who can speak wisdom into your life.

### PRAYER GUIDE

Ask your students to share their prayer requests and close your time together in prayer.

## SCRIPTURE

MS students are concrete thinkers, so opening your Bible to read the Scripture with them is a preferred visual cue.

### GENESIS 1:27-28 & 2:24 (NIV)

“So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them. <sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.....<sup>24</sup> That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.”