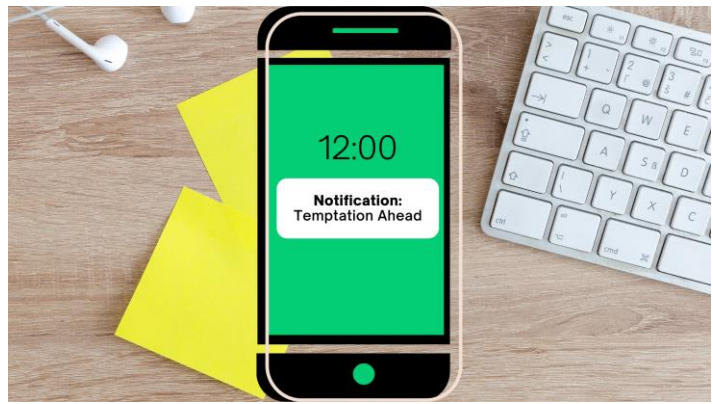




Notification: Temptation Ahead
Week 2 of 4
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LEADER PREP

GOALS OF SMALL GROUP

For students to realize even though it isn't face-to-face, what happens on their screen is real life and effects their spiritual life.

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

THINK ABOUT THIS

Your students' parents will have different techniques and rules about using technology: let's honor our students' parents by being supportive of their parenting decisions. Some of your students may have their own smart devices, others may only be allowed to use their parents occasionally. It will be natural for your students to complain about any limits or boundaries their parents may have put on using technology. Try to encourage your student that although that may not feel good, their parent setting those limits is a good thing and shows how much they care for them!

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

A screen isn't a loophole around temptation and sin; it can be a trap that's just as dangerous and addictive.

GET THEM TALKING

What are some of your favorite apps?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How can technology be helpful?
2. How can technology be harmful?
3. We are going to read today's Bible verse. As we do, I want you to think how you would explain to a friend what this verse is asking us to do and why:

READ 1 CORINTHIANS 6:18-20 and answer the following questions:

4. How would you explain to a friend what this verse is asking us to do? Why is it asking us that?
5. If we truly believe our bodies belong to God, how should that affect the way we treat and dress our bodies?
6. If we truly believe other people's bodies belong to God, how should that affect the way we treat and look at others?
7. When it comes to technology, what are ways you can honor God with what you post and what you watch?

NEXT STEP & PRAYER GUIDE

God says His Spirit, the Holy Spirit, lives inside all of those who believe in Him and helps them to overcome temptation. We are going to take a few silent moments in prayer and I want you to think: what temptations do I face? Ask God to help you overcome those temptations. Give students a few minutes in silent prayer, then close in prayer asking God to hear everyone's prayers, forgive your sin, and help you overcome temptations.

SCRIPTURE

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

1 CORINTHIANS 6:18-20 (NLT)

¹⁸ Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. ¹⁹ Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, ²⁰ for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body."