

Notification: Temptation Ahead
Week 3 of 4
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LEADER PREP

GOALS OF SMALL GROUP

To give students a safe environment to read and discuss different Scriptures that discuss same-sex sexuality.

SCRIPTURE

Romans 1:26-27 & Romans 2:4

THINK ABOUT THIS

We are called to share God's truth in love. **Just a reminder that we are not here to teach our opinion but God's word.** It can be tempting to want to pick and choose which Bible verses we believe. If some of your students start sharing thoughts like, "I don't believe THAT scripture," remind them of these verses:

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." – 2 Timothy 3:16-17

"Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the Lord your God that I give you." – Deuteronomy 4:2

Also, **go into your conversation with the mindset that one of your students might have this sin struggle.** This will help you speak with compassion and grace as you discuss God's truth.

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

As Christians we are called to balance living in God's grace and truth.

GET THEM TALKING

What are different opinion you've heard about same-sex sexuality?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about what as shared in the video?

READ ROMANS 1:26-27 and answer the following questions:

2. This verse is showing us that by God's definition same-sex lust and relations are sin. During the message, they shared that attraction and temptations aren't sin, but lust and sexual behaviors outside of God's design for marriage are sin. In your own words, what are the differences between attraction, temptations, lust, and behaviors?
3. How can we turn to God when we face temptations?

READ ROMANS 2:4 and answer the following questions:

4. Does anyone know what repentance means? (Repentance is when you are genuinely sorry and want to change and move in a direction closer to God.)
5. This verse, just a few after the first one we read, says that God is rich in kindness. What are different ways we can we see God's kindness?
6. We all need Jesus. How can remembering that help us reflect God's kindness to others?

NEXT STEP

Some of the people in the video shared how it was hard for them to talk about their experiences with others.

- 1) If a friend shares they have this struggle, how can you show them love and kindness?
- 2) If you find yourself struggling with these feelings or thoughts, reach out to a parent or godly adult in your life to walk alongside you.

PRAYER GUIDE

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

SCRIPTURE

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

ROMANS 1:26-27 (NIV)

“Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. ²⁷ In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.”

ROMANS 2:4 (NIV)

“Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance?”