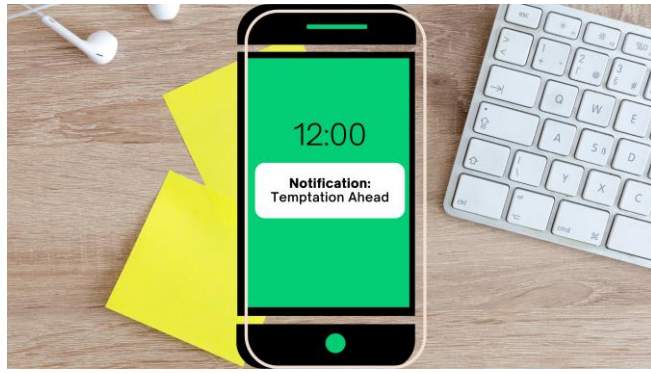


Notification: Temptation Ahead
Week 4 of 4
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LEADER PREP

GOALS OF SMALL GROUP

- (1) To give students a safe space to ask questions of opposite gender leaders
- (2) To inspire students to take their step in overcoming temptation and realize God is cheering them as they do.

THINGS TO KNOW

Today's small group time will be very different! Groups will divide into genders as usual, but there will be a panel of opposite gender leaders prepped to answer student's questions. Students hearing from godly men and women of the opposite gender can have a huge impact on students understanding and relating to the opposite sex.

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

OPPOSITE GENDER PANEL DISCUSSION

- **INTRODUCE:** Go around the panel and have each leader share their name and a hobby they love.
- **GET THINGS STARTED:** Go back around and have each leader share one quick answer to this question (1 minute or less): If you could share one insight into your gender for the opposite gender to understand, what would it be?
- **GIVE STUDENTS TIME TO ASK THE PANEL QUESTIONS.** Give students a way to share their questions out loud or written down on notecards or typing in the chat, as some students may have different ways they feel comfortable asking questions. The goal for the panel isn't to have perfectly rehearsed answers but to give genuine, godly insight the best they can.

ALLOW 5 MINUTES AT THE END TO CLOSE YOUR TIME WITH WRAPPING UP BACK TO THE MESSAGE AND CLOSE OUT THE SERIES WITH A CLEAR NEXT STEP:

MAIN POINT

We all need accountability – every step you take is a step in the right direction.

NEXT STEP

Pass out the student handout (details on back). Encourage them to take the handout home, put it somewhere to remind them, and take their next step this week. Remind them YOU care for them and are there for them to talk to if they ever need some to help keep them accountable or cheer them on in their faith.

PRAYER GUIDE

Close in prayer.

SCRIPTURE

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

JAMES 5:16 (NIV)

“Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”

LEADER CORNER

Your students will all receive a handout that includes the steps below:

5 Steps to Hold Yourself

Accountable

1. Be Honest with yourself and God (Hebrews 4:13)
2. Commit to God's ways (John 14:15)
3. Invite others to keep you accountable (James 5:16)
4. Make a Plan (Set goals and guardrails to overcome temptation in place).
5. Rinse and Repeat (We will all mess up and sin again, but remember God is a loving, forgiving Father cheering you on every step you take towards following Him).