



MORE TO THE STORY

WEEK 2

FEB 13 + 16, 2022

LEADER PREP

MAIN POINT

Porn never tells the whole story.

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 5:15 NIV
1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

For students to recognize cultural messages about sex and porn, and begin to think critically about them in light of God's heart for them and His plan for their lives.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders, this is a tricky conversation to start and may make some students feel uncomfortable. Feel free to acknowledge the awkwardness before getting started. At this phase, high-schoolers are likely to have experiences with pornography or sexual content, but oftentimes they are unaware of how they are affected. Instead of simply talking about content in terms of "good" or "bad," steer your conversation toward naming how they may be affected by sexualized content and helping them decide to self-censor content that may be harmful to their future.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message.
- What are some ways porn has shown up in or influenced other parts of culture? (Think TV, movies, music, ads, TikTok, etc.)

THE WORD

- READ Ephesians 5:15. What does it look like to be wise living in a culture influenced by porn culture?
- **For upperclassmen:** How might learning about sex by watching porn hurt your sex life?
- If someone is a follower of Jesus, why does it matter whether they're affected by porn?
- READ 1 Corinthians 10:13. How can we find hope in what this verse is saying?

APPLICATION

- As a group, brainstorm some practical ways a person could...
 - Refuse to be fooled by the messages porn sends
 - Refuse to participate in porn content
 - Refuse to face their struggle with porn alone
- *Leaders, say something like this:* "The truth is, porn is a business that only exists by getting people to show up again and again. It's meant to be addictive. If you feel like you've been developing a habit and it's difficult to stop, I want you to know that I'm a safe person to talk to, and I'd be happy to help."

COMMUNITY BUILD

- How can we connect outside of small group time and have fun together?

PRAY

We are going to close in prayer. Any prayer requests?

EPHESIANS 5:15 NIV

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13 NLT

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

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