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Week 3
2.20.21

LEADER PREP

MAIN POINT

How you treat others and yourself matters to God.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 12:30-31 NLT

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To encourage students to consider the way they value themselves and others and to point them toward finding their worth in God.

THINK ABOUT THIS

A conversation about sexual integrity is about so much more than just sex and dating. This is key for middle schoolers, as many of them aren't interested in dating or not allowed to date yet. Do your best to help them think about how they can show value and practice sexual integrity in other areas of their lives. Point them toward things like the music they listen to, the shows they watch, the pictures they post, and the way they talk to and think about other people. Sexual integrity can work in all these areas and more!

Finally, remember that you may have students who have experienced sexual abuse on some level. This conversation could lead them to eventually open up to you about that, so be prepared to follow up, support, and point them toward help if and when they do.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

THE CHECK IN

- How was everyone's week? Share Highs & Lows.
- Someone recap the main point of the message.
- How do people know when something matters to us?
- How do people know when something doesn't matter to us?

THE WORD

- READ Mark 12:30-31 NLT.
- What are ways we can love God?
- What are ways we can love and value others?
- What are ways we can love and value ourselves?
- What does sexual integrity have to do with the way we value others and ourselves?

APPLICATION

- **Love God. Love Others. Love Yourself.**
Let that be a motivating theme for you this week. Write it down somewhere you will see or take a screenshot and make it your wallpaper.
- What does choosing sexual integrity look like...
 - In the songs we listen to?
 - In the videos we watch?
 - In the jokes we tell?
 - In the way we talk about others?
 - In the way we think about someone else?

COMMUNITY BUILD

- What are ways we can show we value and care for one another outside of small group time?
- How can we connect outside of small group time and have fun together?
- GET TO KNOW YOU: If you could have a YouTube channel about anything, what would you want it to be about?

PRAY

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

Mark 12:30-31 NLT

“And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.’ The second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ No other commandment is greater than these.”

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