

NOTE TO PARENTS AND D-GROUP LEADERS:

Dear Parents and D-group Leaders,

We are excited about the little bit that we have heard coming out of last week. D-Group leaders are talking with parents, parents are talking with kids, kids are talking with their parents, D-Groups are sharing with each other, and the body of Christ is functioning like it should. Even if no one remembers a word that was said during the message last week, we are still succeeding. Let's keep this conversation (about seeking God's best with our sexuality) going in our homes and D-Groups.

This week we are going to split guys and girls after a short time of worship.

Guys, you will be going to room 212. Question to ponder: How does the world define a man that is different from the way that the Bible defines a man.?

Girls, you will be staying in the worship room. You will be hearing from Doctor Barbie Sullivan. You can hear a podcast of a talk she gave on this topic at http://www.mbhs.org/podcasts/01pod_ep49_pt01.mp3 to see if you are comfortable with what your girls might hear, and so you will be able to hear some of the same things she is hearing if you are unable to come. This will give you and your daughter common ground to begin your discussions at home.

Parents, we would love to have you come and join us again this week. Jamie and Barbie will have a talk back with the women during D-Group time. Guys, we will have some time for talk back, but may be joined by some students if we do not have enough men to cover all of our D-Groups.

GUYS D-GROUP DISCUSSION:

General discussion:

Do you have any comments or questions about tonight's message?

How would you define a "real man" if all you had to go by was what you have seen in the media?

How is this different from the way the Bible defines a man?

Honest answer time! Which definition have you been following with your actions?

***PLEASE TAKE SOME TIME ON THIS NEXT QUESTION...IT MAY BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTIONS YOU WILL EVER ANSWER:**

What changes do you need to make or patterns that you need to set in your life that will help you become the kind of man that God has designed you to be?

What are the biggest or most frequent barriers you face in trying to become a man of God?

What will you do, and how can we help, to overcome these barriers?

Scriptures:

Read the following verses and discuss what it is telling us as men?

Psalms 119:9-11, “How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”

Philippians 4:8, “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”

2 Corinthians 10:5, “We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.”

Ephesians 4:29, “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”

Romans 6:11-13 In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.

GIRLS D-GROUP DISCUSSION:

General discussion:

Do you have any comments or questions about tonight’s message?

Discuss specific ways that God has created us as women to nurture healthy families and those around us?

How would you define a “real woman” if all you had to go by was what you have seen in the media?

How is this different from the way the Bible defines a woman?

God has gifted us with huge emotions that make us passionate, loving, strong, and nurturing but the same gift of huge emotions can be used in negative ways as well. What steps will you take to ensure that your emotions are used for good and not harm?

What changes do you need to make or patterns that you need to set in your life that will help you become the kind of woman that God has designed you to be?

What are the biggest or most frequent barriers you face in trying to become a woman of God?

What will you do, and how can we help, to overcome these barriers?

Scriptures:

Read the following verses and discuss what it is telling us as women?

Psalm 119:9-11, “How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.”

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