

# 11 Sex in the iWorld

## LEADER GUIDE

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### **BIG IDEA:**

We tend to be reactive rather than proactive in our sex talks at church. It's important to look ahead and understand what topics or ideas we will need to navigate next. As technology keeps developing, it will become more and more intertwined with sex and sexuality. Our goal is to help students cultivate a thoughtful theological response to whatever questions might come their way about new technological advances related to sexuality.

### **Tips for Conversation:**

Some of the topics in this video will be very familiar to our youth, while others might not be as well known. Whether they're familiar with these ideas or not, we want to prepare them well for the real world.

Here are some things to consider as you dialogue with your students this week:

### **You may have students who experience shame about sexting.**

It is highly likely that a student in your small group has sent or received a sext, or that they know someone who has. Please understand that this student may feel shame after watching this video. We do address such shame in the video, but it bears repeating here: Don't shame a student for sending a sext. They may not know better. Make sure you, as a leader, create a space that allows for that student to want to come and talk to you about it.

### **Students may feel overwhelmed.**

Some of these topics might be new for your students. Give them space to process. Polyamory and VR porn are not everyday topics for most teens. Don't be surprised if this conversation induces fear or even shame. If something is

triggering for them, invite them to process it with you or another adult. Be sure to communicate that it is okay for them to feel overwhelmed; sit patiently with them in this feeling.

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### Questions for Small Group:

1. What do you see happening in the culture today, surrounding sex and sexuality, that surprises you the most?
  2. What do you think our culture's approach to sex and sexuality will look like in 10 years?
  3. Why do you think so many teens sext? What is a loving way you could respond to a friend who is considering sexting?
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### Additional Resources:

**VIDEO:** Full-length interview with Jay Stringer

**TOOL:** Weekly devotional

