

12 Following Jesus in This Sexualized Age

LEADER GUIDE

BIG IDEA:

For Christians, conversations about sex ultimately have much more to do with Jesus than they do with sex. Joyfully surrendering ourselves to Jesus and his rule over our lives is a fundamental prerequisite for living a life of sexual integrity.

Tips for Conversation:

Helping your students live a life of sexual integrity will require many more conversations than this series provides. Our hope is that this is only a building block. Keep using the many tools you've received throughout this series to help you continue the dialogue.

Here are a few quick thoughts to help you with this final lesson:

Remind yourself and your students who Jesus put his trust in.

Jesus chose a band of sinning misfits to spread his truth. In John's Gospel, Jesus first revealed himself as the Messiah to a broken woman at a well (John 4). Christ's love covers all sin and heals our brokenness. We can bring our shame and guilt before God, and God readily forgives us. You don't need to have a perfect scorecard to be a leader for Christ, nor do your students. God is seeking authenticity, and he wants to free us from sexual sin and make us whole.

When our confidence is in God's promises, we can lead a life of obedience.

Obedience and self-sacrifice do not diminish us. Rather, they open the road to true sexual freedom. When we place our trust in God's promises, we become radically free to pursue joyful relationships with one another and to align our sexual lives with the Creator's plan.

We were never promised this was going to be easy.

Living with sexual integrity, choosing to honor God with our sexuality, is a radical and sometimes difficult choice. I don't think anyone you've heard from in this series would say it was easy. However, they would all say it was worth it!

Questions for Small Group:

1. What steps are you taking to live with sexual integrity both now and in the future?
 2. How can I and the other leaders here at <<church or youth group name>> continue to encourage you in your walk with Christ as you strive to live with sexual integrity?
 3. What are some final thoughts as we prepare to close this series? Do you have any unanswered questions? Does anything in particular stand out?
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Additional Resources:

TOOL: Weekly devotional

