

Hip Hope Discussion Topics

This section is an opportunity for the youth and young adults to share their views and an opportunity for them to be challenged by biblical worldview. This section is only **50-minutes**

(To request more discussion questions please email hip hope)

Lesson 1:-MUSIC

Music- "*I just like the beat*"

a. Introduction-

Quotes about music-*please read some of this quotes as an ice breaker or to support one of your points*

“ Sometimes I feel like rap music is almost the key to stopping racism”.

-[Eminem](#)

“Music can change the world because it can change people”.

-[Bono](#), U2

“ One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain”.

-[Bob Marley](#)

“Music preferences can be a warning sign of a distressed teen. Isolated, angry or depressed youth may be attracted to music that feeds their feelings of despair and hostility” -(**Source: Media Awareness Network- *inappropriate content in music-Negative Effects of Music, 2010***)

“Music has always had the power to strike fear into parents' hearts, which is why it is so attractive to young people. This hasn't changed since the days when the Beatles shocked the world. What has changed is that popular music lyrics have become much more explicit” -(**Source: Media Awareness Network- *inappropriate content in music - explicit lyrics, 2010***)

Please ask the following questions to your group. As a host/group leader please make sure you don't dominate the discussion but guide the group along the lines of the questions below.

- What is your favorite type of music?
- Who is your favorite artist?
- Why do you listen to your favorite artist?
- How does music make you feel(angry, happy etc)?
- Does lyrics matter or is just beats?
- How does it affect you spiritually?
- Honestly, does music affect your behavior?

After the questions above you can lead the conversation during the “Moment of Truth”.

b. Moment of Truth: Do You know what God says/thinks about Music ?

- ***Psalm 150:3-6.*** ~Why was Music Created?

“³Praise God with trumpets and all kinds of harps. ⁴Praise him with tambourines and dancing, with stringed instruments and woodwinds. ⁵Praise God with cymbals, with clashing cymbals. ⁶Let every living creature praise the LORD.

Shout praises to the LORD!” –**Psalm 150:3-6 CEV**

Answer:

Music was created by God so that we can bring praise (glorify/exalt) God.

- ***Philippians 4:8***~What does God want us to listen to?

“⁸ Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things **true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious**—the **best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse.**– **Philippians 4:8 The Message**

Answer:

God wants us to listen to true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious, the best, the beautiful, things to praise material.

God doesn't want us to listen to lies, dishonorable, bad(unpure), unauthentic(not real), disgraceful, ugly, cursing material.

- ***Proverbs 4:23***-The reason why we should listen to the right things

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life
- **Proverbs 4:23 NLT**

Keep your heart with all vigilance, for from it flow the springs of life.
- **Proverbs 4:23 ESV**

Answer:

What we regularly listen to will eventually impact/affect our lives

After, the Moment of Truth please turn the floor back to the group and ask the reflective question.

c. Reflective Questions: *(Please ask group this application question)*

Ask yourself: is the music you're listening to or making directly or indirectly praising God (*supporting the nature and character of Jesus Christ*)? Basically does it fit Philippians 4:8

NB:*Please feel free to do additional research to enhance your group discussion.*