

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**

Lesson 2:-SEX & LOVE

SEX & LOVE- " *What's LOVE got to do with it*"

a. Introduction-

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

Myths Young People believe about Sex.

- There is a cure for AIDS.

False. There are treatments for AIDS, but no cure. (SexualityandU.ca)

- Birth control pills do not prevent STIs.

True. Birth control pills are effective in preventing pregnancy if used correctly, but offer no protection against STIs. (SexualityandU.ca)

- Being attracted to people of the same sex doesn't necessarily mean you're gay/lesbian.

True. Many young people experience sexual feelings towards members of the same sex. The important thing is not to label yourself too early..... (SexualityandU.ca)

"Over the past ten years, advertisements in mainstream magazines have increasingly relied on the explicit sexualization of both men and women to sell products. Over the same period, the models used have become younger and younger"

(Sexualized Images in Advertising by Jane Tallim. Media Awareness Network -May 2003)

“Nearly one in four Americans (65 millions people) are currently living with an incurable [sexually transmitted disease](#) (STD).”

“During 2007, more than 2.5 million people worldwide became infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS. With these new cases, there are now 33 million people living with AIDS throughout the world.”

“Worldwide, 27.5% of women report that they felt pressured into having sex for the first time compared to 15% of men reporting the same feelings.”

“Sex is God's idea. He made it not only efficient for making babies, but pleasurable and deeply satisfying. He designed men's and women's body parts to complement each other. He created hormones to make everything work right and make us want to be sexual. Unlike animals, whose mating behavior is purely instinctive for the purpose of reproducing, human sexuality has several wonderful purposes. God means for all of them to be contained within marriage”-(What God says about Sex by Sue Bohlin, www.probe.org)

Questions (*make sure you ask the highlighted questions*)

-Is Sex the same thing as Love?

-Is love an emotion (feeling..) or action(commitment..)?

-What is the connection between sex and Love?

-When is it okay to have sex?

-Is it okay to have casual sex ? Is it a big deal?

-What message do you get from the media about sex?

-Do you get pressured to have sex from people at school?

- Is it ever okay to experiment with different types of sex?

-What are the emotional consequences of having sex before marriage?

-What should a young couple / person do if they get pregnant?

-What do you think God says about sex?

-How does God define LOVE?

b. Moment of Truth: What does God say about SEX & LOVE ?

Genesis 2: 24-25. ~When can we have sex & What is the purpose of sex?

“For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.”

Answer:

This scripture shows that God ordained marriage and marriage is the only context in which a man and woman should be one (united). Sex is one of the major tools for a couple to become one (united) before God. Sex connects people emotionally, physically and spiritually and it is supposed to be fun. Plainly put, the purpose of sex is recreation (for fun) and procreation (reproduce)

2 Timothy 2:22 ~Resisting Sexual Pressures

Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts. - **2 Timothy 2:22 NLT**

Answer:

Apostle Paul in the scripture above encourages Timothy a young person to avoid the things (including sexual lust) that usually trip-up young people. There are a lot of sexual pressures at school, work, home and in the media that try to get people to act immorally but this scripture says we should run/flee from these pressures. The best way to overcome these pressures is by focusing on **Righteousness** (*God's right-way of doing things*), **Faithfulness** (*God's ability to keeping His promise which also includes keeping us from falling*), **Love** and **Peace**.

1 Corinthians 6:16 ~Misuse of SEX

“¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, "The two will become one flesh." **1 Corinthians 6:15-16 NIV**

Answer:

Unite in the scripture above refers to “Sexual Relationship”. Prostitute is not just referring to a sex worker but anyone who is not your spouse (husband or wife). In essence the scripture is saying that our body belongs to God and we shouldn't have sex with someone who is not our spouse. When we have sex outside of marriage we

heap unwarranted emotional, spiritual and physical consequences that are harmful on ourselves and our future relationships. So, casual sex is never okay. Sex is a powerful & beautiful thing that must not be abused.

(Example: Its like electricity. When used in the right way it is beneficial, but used in the wrong way it can kill)

1 Corinthians 13:4-8~ What is True LOVE?

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”- **1 Corinthians 13:4-8 NIV**

Answer:

True Love should be patient, kind, not envious, not arrogant, not prideful, not rude, selfless, not easily angered, doesn't hold a grudge, doesn't engage or love evil, truth. As we can see Love in the Bible has more to do with Actions than Feelings.

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: Do I understand true love? Basically are you living 1 Corinthian 13:4-8 everyday.

If you want to know about true LOVE you have to get to know Jesus Christ

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