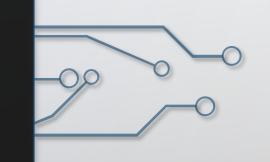


TALKING ABOUT TECH, SEX, AND FAITH WITH TEENS



SEX, TECH & FAITH HAS A YOUTH STUDY GUIDE

Each section provides a brief summary of specific chapter-related theological, sexuality, and digital information to serve as a primer for the adult leader. This includes the topics of digital pornography including sexting, online dating, digital sexual violence, virtual reality and sex robots. However, the guide assumes the leader has read each chapter, equipping them with a thorough overview of the topic. AND, that the leader can teach from a values-based framework for sexual and digital ethics.



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- how we define private
- what counts as "me"
- who or what makes decisions
- how we get off



What is Christian digital sexual ethics?

And how do you talk about it with teens?

SEXUAL ETHICS WE TEACH TEENS ARE RULE BASED.

A behavior is right or wrong, in and of itself.

Example: Only procreative intercourse is good.

A relationship is right or wrong, in and of itself.

Example: Marriage is between a man and a woman.



IS THERE A DIFFERENT WAY TO DO SEXUAL ETHICS?



EMBRACE
MORAL
IMAGINATION
AND FAILURE.

VALUES BASED SEXUAL ETHICS

- Honesty
- Mutuality
- Pleasure
- Consent
- Generativity
- Commitment
- Trust



WHAT VALUES ARE CORE TO YOUR SEXUAL ETHIC?

BREAK OUT ROOMS

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Online Pornography

- Sexual and Digital Literacy
- Sexual Theology
- Practicing Doing Ethics

APPLYING WHAT WE HAVE THUS FAR-SEXUAL AND DIGITAL LITERACY

Find out the facts so myths don't drive our response

- Not all sexually explicit is harmful and exploitative. Be conscious of the production and distribution process of the material.
- Most people who view digital pornography do so for pleasure, stress release, education, and relationship enhancement.
- Some people with very specific pre-identifying factors have compulsive behavioral issues with pornography use; it's not pornography use that causes these factors, but it does exacerbate them.
- Digital pornography access has shifted privacy, access, and the range of content that can be consumed.
- Self-made pornography (sexting) is a normative digital sexual behavior.

SEXUAL THEOLOGY

- We are created by God and made in God's image.
- We do not just have bodies; we are our bodies in all the wholeness, messiness, and complexity that entails.
- God created our sexuality and our bodies to experience sexual attraction and pleasure.
- We, as embodied people, are to be valued and respected as part of God's good creation.

PRACTICING DOING ETHICS

- How do you identify the difference between using sexually explicit material for education versus consuming it like popular media?
- Consider people's comments to a posted video or photo. How do you know when someone is honoring another person's body rather than objectifying it?
- In what ways does learning more about your body and sexuality deepen your relationship with self, a partner, and God?
- What values are guiding your responses: respect, mutuality, care, trust, etc?

PRACTICING DOING ETHICS

Be a digital sexual ethicist . . .

Create an app that displays a few questions and positive theological message that would be a pop up on a person's digital device before they log into any site or send something that would have sexually explicity content.

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REQUIRES

An embodied and inclusive theological approach to sexual ethics

Digitally and sexually literate ethical responses

Shared moral discernment rather than silence and fear

