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Week 8: Sex- Everything or One Good thing?

Big Idea: Sex is not everything; it's just one thing.

We are in a tsunami of sex. Our music, our movies, our friends, our thoughts, and our own bodies are so saturated with sex that, without realizing it, we get swept up into believing that sex is everything. Furthermore, we believe that sex can meet our need for acceptance, value, and pleasure.

Big Question: So if sex is just one good thing from God - what is everything?

Answer: God! God is everything because every good thing comes from him. (James 1:17)

- **God gives us Acceptance.** God loves us and welcomes us into his family.
 - 1 John 3:1a *"See how very much our Father loves us, for He calls us His children, and that is what we are!"*
- **God gives us Value.** God died for us.
 - Romans 5:8 *"But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners."*
- **God gives us Pleasure.** Sex is awesome in marriage.
 - But no 24Seven student is married. So the pleasure you would experience in sex is a future reality that you get to look forward to. . . but don't pursue now.
 - Proverbs 5:15-17 *"Drink water from your own well— share your love only with your wife. Why spill the water of your springs in the streets, having sex with just anyone? You should reserve it for yourselves. Never share it with strangers."*

Student Discussion Questions:

- Where do you see the "Tsunami of Sex" show up in your life?
- Are you more likely to think of sex as everything, sex as a gross, or sex as a good thing? Explain.
- What does sex promise to give you that tempts you the most? (Ex. Pleasure, acceptance, value, etc.?)
- Does it seem possible to wait for sex until marriage? Why or why not?
- Does it seem worth it to wait for sex until marriage? Why or why not?
- What would it look like, practically, for you to run to God for everything?

Parent Discussion Questions:

- After hearing these recent talks on gender and sexuality – is anything confusing or of concern to you?



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- Are you experiencing anything at school or with friends that is tempting you or confusing you or making it hard for you to follow Jesus in this area?
- Are you struggling with anything sexual that you have been hiding or that is making you feel guilty or shameful?
- Do you believe that we (your parents) know more about sex than anyone you know and that you can trust us with anything?