

**DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY**

**Scripture:** reading, studying, memorizing and meditating on the Bible  
 “Don’t you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.” 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT)

**BACK TO SCHOOL – MARIJUANA****STARTER QUESTIONS:**

What does the bible say about marijuana?

What is said in the bible about drug usage and how we treat our bodies?

Drug usage is often difficult to discuss; why is it important to bring up this topic with our life groups?

**MAIN IDEA:**

During our “Back to School” series, we’re discussing difficult topics, and how to view them from a biblical perspective. This week, Pastor Hank spoke about marijuana, and how it affects our minds, bodies, and spirits.

**KEY VERSE:**

***“You say, “I am allowed to do anything”--but not everything is good for you. You say, “I am allowed to do anything”--but not everything is beneficial. Don’t be concerned for your own good but for the good of others. So you may eat any meat that is sold in the marketplace without raising questions of conscience. For “the earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.” If someone who isn’t a believer asks you home for dinner, accept the invitation if you want to. Eat whatever is offered to you without raising questions of conscience. (But suppose someone tells you, “This meat was offered to an idol.” Don’t eat it, out of consideration for the conscience of the one who told you. It might not be a matter of conscience for you, but it is for the other person.) 1 Corinthians 10:23-29 (NLT)***

How does this verse speak to you in your life?

Topics for discussion:

**1. What does the bible say about marijuana use?**

“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.” 1 Peter 5:8 (ESV)

“So whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”  
 1 Corinthians 10:31 (NIV)

## **2. Is there a clear answer in the bible?**

“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is-- His good, pleasing, and perfect will.” Romans 12:2 (NIV)

**Do you consider marijuana usage to be a “pattern of this world?”**

## **3. Is there an unclear answer in the bible?**

“It’s not what goes into your mouth that defiles you; you are defiled by the words that come out of your mouth.” Matthew 15:11 (NLT)

“Everything that lives and moves about will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything.” Genesis 9:3 (NIV)

**One might use these two scriptures (above) to defend marijuana use; how might you argue against it?**

## **4. Is marijuana good for you and others?**

Discuss pros and cons with your group.

According to a 2015 Pew Research Center study, half of everyone in the United States has tried marijuana.

According to a 2016 Harvard Health study, there are about 20 million marijuana users in the United States.

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**How do you feel that core value relates to this week’s service?**

## **FINAL THOUGHTS:**

As Christ followers, we hope that others see glimpses of God, through us (Matthew 5:14-16). It is important that we share the gospel, treating ourselves and others as Jesus would.

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**Scriptures to share with individuals who may be having difficulties giving up marijuana:  
Isaiah 40:29, Isaiah 43:2-3, Philippians 4:13, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18**

**How can our group pray for you?**

**CLOSE IN PRAYER**

Additional Scriptures for this topic:

Psalm 28:7

1 Corinthians 15:33

1 Corinthians 3:16-17

John 16:33

Luke 5:31-32

## BACK TO SCHOOL

“Marijuana”

September 24, 2017

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### 4 Questions:

- What does the Bible say? (Go to the Bible)
- Is there a clear answer? (Go with the Bible)
- Is there an unclear answer? (Go look for principles in the Bible to guide you)
- Is it good for you \ others?

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