

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

Wise: having discernment and sound decision-making

“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity,” Ephesians 5.15-16a

RAISING Z - “THE TALK”**STARTER QUESTIONS:**

What does the bible say about sex?

What is said in the bible about premarital sex?

Sex and intimacy is often difficult to discuss; why is it important to bring up this topic with our LIFE Group? Family?

MAIN IDEA:

During our “Raising Z” series, we’re discussing difficult topics, and how to view them from a biblical perspective. This week, Pastor Hank spoke about sex and how decisions regarding sex affect our relationships and can change the course of our life.

KEY VERSE:

“Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.” John 8:10-11 (NIV)

How does this verse speak to you in your life?

Topics for discussion:

1. Has anyone had “the talk” and would like to share with the group how you did it?
 - How did you start the conversation?
 - What was the good, the bad and the ugly of the talk?
 - What were the outcomes from the talk?
2. What are some ideas of how to approach the talk?
3. How do you think Generation Z views sex?
5. What other tough “talks” should we think about having with our kids?

6. Read and discuss these scriptures with your group:

"It has happened at last—the salvation and power and kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ! For the Accuser has been thrown down to earth—the one who accused our brothers and sisters before our God day and night." Rev. 12:10 (NLT)

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9 (NIV)

7. How should we handle forgiveness if someone is having an inappropriateness relationship?

Core Value: Teach your kids important truths along the way

- "God's ways are best."
- "There are consequences to our actions."
- "Healthy people learn how to control their feelings."
- "You can and should wait for marriage."

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.

READ 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT)

"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."

Who are you discipling in this area that you can help get through these tough talks?

Who is discipling you?

How can we as a LIFE Group help others as they are preparing to have the talk about sex with their kids?

How can our group pray for you?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

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Study – 90% didn't get helpful conversation/information from parents about sex.

How can we do better?

1. Be ready for the teachable moments

3 Pro Tips:

- Masking.
 - Stalling.
 - Questioning.
2. Teach your kids important truths along the way
 - "God's ways are best."
 - "There are consequences to our actions."
 - "Healthy people learn how to control their feelings."
 - "You can and should wait for marriage."
 3. Keep the door of communication open.

Why don't we do better?

- We're scared
- We're embarrassed
- We're avoiders
- We're guilty

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Helpful Resources:

- "Straight Talk with your Kids about Sex" by Josh and Dottie McDowell
- “The Focus on the Family® Guide to Talking with Your Kids about Sex: Honest Answers for Every Age” by J. Thomas Fitch and David Davis
- “How and When to Tell Your Kids About Sex: A Lifelong Approach to Shaping Your Child's Sexual Character” by Stan and Brenna Jones