

## *Flirting With Disaster* The Struggle Is Real ~ Pastor Dre

### TALK IT OVER

Talking through the message during the week helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These talking points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step.

**City Group Connect (10-15 min).** Spend some time connecting with each other.

- Briefly share how the last week has gone for you.
- Ask each person to share something significant that they have read this past week in God's Word or any word they have heard from God in the past week.
- Where have you seen God at work in your life or the lives of others this past week?

**Key Scriptures:** Ephesians 6:10–13;  
Romans 7:14–25; James 1:15

#### Key Questions:

- Why does it matter if you flirt with disaster?
- Define a sinful nature. What does it mean to have a sinful nature?

**Start Talking.** Our problem is that we often like to flirt with sin. When we flirt with sin, however, we're flirting with disaster. Sin, as we're told in the book of James, brings nothing but death (**James 1:15**). Its end result is always the same.

- Then why do we flirt with it?
- How do we flirt with it?
- Read **Galatians 5:17**. Discuss as a group the struggle between living a spiritual life and the constant temptation of sinful desires. How do you grow to the point that the desires of the Spirit are stronger than the desires of the flesh?

**Start Thinking.** Paul made it clear in **Romans 7:14–25** that the struggle is real.

- Is Paul writing this passage from the position of a mature Christian or is he explaining a pre-Christian struggle with sin?
- Why do you think you can't trust your flesh?
- In what ways could we misuse standards/safeguards?
- How would you describe a mature Christian? When do you know if you have become a mature Christian?

#### Start Sharing.

- How do you deal with someone who keeps falling into sin and uses the excuse that it is okay because the Apostle Paul had the same problem: Romans 7?
- Though boundaries will be spoken of specifically in future studies, what could these boundaries look like?
- How could protections and safeguards help us?
- What are some safeguards you can use this week?

#### Start Doing.

- How would you describe to a new believer that coming to Christ doesn't necessarily mean their old temptations will just instantly be gone? Take some time to define in a way a new believer would understand the difference between justification, sanctification, and glorification.

**Start Praying.** Thank Christ Jesus that our righteousness comes through Him alone, freeing us from the bonds of trying to live a perfect life on our own. Pray for someone who may be struggling with perfectionism and does not know the freedom in Christ. Pray for whom you might invite to your Movement City Group next week.

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