

Hey Parents of students!

We are excited to announce that this Spring, we will be teaching from a new series titled *Christian Sexuality: Conversations Surrounding Sex, Jesus, & Gender* starting in April for all middle & high school students.

Some of the biggest questions around faith often deal with sex and sexuality. We pray that this video-based teaching would help address some of those questions in a healthy & biblical way.

We'll be covering three lessons at youth:

- **April 7 - God's Lovestory:** As Christians, students need to understand that it doesn't matter who they are, what they've done, what they think they've done, or what they will do. God loves each student. There's nothing they can say that would surprise God or make Him love them any less.
- **April 14 - Authority of God & Scripture:** There's no point inviting people to follow a Christian sexual ethic if they're not clear on who their authority is. As Christians, our authority is God. And one significant way God has revealed his authority to us is through the Bible. This lesson will drive home the fact that God, as our good creator and designer, has revealed to us his plan for sexual flourishing through the Scriptures.
- **April 21 - Shame & Forgiveness:** Shame can be crippling, causing students to feel isolated or even to isolate themselves. This lesson is meant to expose the lie of their shame. We know that if shame is not addressed early in this series, it can cause a fog to fall over everything they hear and see moving forward. Students might be carrying a weight of shame surrounding the topics of sex and sexuality; it will become increasingly important for them to know forgiveness is available.

Students will also have time to have discussion and prayer in small groups. (Separate groups for guys & girls)

Our desire is not to overstep and replace you as the parent. We want to partner with you in this conversation.

It's important that we as parents aren't silent in this area. Silence can communicate that sex and sexuality are inherently shameful. We know youth will benefit from your voice being heard.

CHRISTIAN SEXUALITY

As a way to help partner with you as parents, we would like to host a **Christian Sexuality Seminar** where you and your student are invited. The day would cover video-based teaching & discussion time covering a variety of topics, some in which aren't always easy to talk about including *Sex & Marriage, Singleness & Intimacy, Porn & Masturbation, LGBTQ+ Questions, Dating & Friendships and Sex in the iWorld.*

We will have separate locations for Guys and Girls in the building during the teaching & discussion times.

Date: Sunday, May 2

Time: 12:30 PM - 5 PM

Location: Fellowship Community Church

Who: Middle & High School students & their parent(s)

(Lunch will be provided. Donations are accepted.)

If you aren't comfortable with attending the event or don't feel your student is ready for the material, we totally respect your decision to not participate, but we believe that each person will benefit from the teaching & discussion.

We also want to provide you the opportunity to receive access to the materials whether you come to the event or not. You can sign up online for both the event & to receive the materials @ fellowshipnorwalk.org/students. I will then send you an invite where you can get access to all of the *Christian Sexuality* material.

The material from Christian Sexuality includes over 20 interviews: stories of those who've experienced sexual brokenness and sexual flourishing; words of encouragement and challenge from ministry leaders; and expert commentaries on the Bible, our bodies and brains, and culture.

Thanks in advance for your time!

Serving Christ together,

Pastor Matt