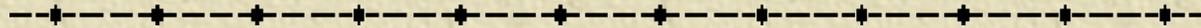




SEX, DRUGS AND GOD!



Andrew Dewhirst

Unity College

Murray Bridge



SO WHAT IS IT?

-
- ✦ Sex and Drug Ed from Gods Perspective.
 - ✦ Link scripture to answer key questions that our students are asking.
 - ✦ Teach the Christian perspective on sex.
 - ✦ What is a relationship, in all its forms?
 - ✦ Help to link the old stuff (scripture), to a modern topic (sex, drugs).
 - ✦ How can God help me protect myself and my mates.

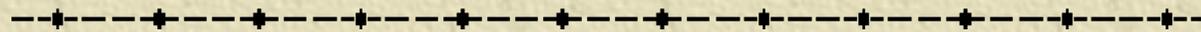
MAJOR THEMES

- ✦ What is God Like? How has he made us in his image?
- ✦ A session on sin – Adam and Eve.
- ✦ Relationships – friend, family, boy/girl friend, parents, pets, marriage.
- ✦ Sex and the Bible – Does God love Sex?
- ✦ Premarital Sex – pros and cons.
- ✦ Abstinence – what really is it?

MAJOR THEMES

-
- ✦ Help with Sexual Pressures – How can God help?
 - ✦ What if I have gone too far?
 - ✦ Illicit and Legal Drugs.
 - ✦ Risk Management
 - ✦ Help with Peer Pressures – all my mates are using.

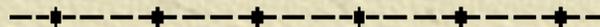
WHO IS GOD AND WHAT DOES HE LOOK LIKE?



✠ Psalm 139, 7, 18, 43.

✠ Genesis 2: 18-25

✠ Basketball Shootout!



A SESSION ON SIN.

✠ Genesis 3:1-24

✠ Read as a drama.

✠ Narrator, serpent, woman, man, God.

✠ Use of Bible Study reference.

✠ Who was responsible for Adam's and Eve's sin?

RELATIONSHIPS

- ✦ Written task
- ✦ Individual
- ✦ Non formal way of learning about your group
- ✦ Future wife/husband task. Do you get what you think you want?
- ✦ Same River Twice.
- ✦ Marked like a journal.
- ✦ Generates discussion on *what is love* through the answers given in piece.

BOYFRIENDS AND GIRLFRIENDS!

-
- ✦ What does this look like in various year levels?
 - ✦ Flow into Galatians 5:13-26.
 - ✦ Ways to express love – physical and emotional and spiritual.
 - ✦ Difference between infatuation and Fair Dinkum Love! *John 3:16*

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST PREMARITAL SEX.

- ✦ Class Debate – be careful!!
- ✦ Use list to discuss options.
- ✦ Use of a personal example.
- ✦ True Love Waits web link
- ✦ Drama
- ✦ Jason Stephens and No Apologies DVD

ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST PREMARITAL SEX.

- ✦ SCRIPTURE Examples. Genesis 2-3, Matthew, Hebrews.
- ✦ What is abstinence? Students define before researching, then research a meaning. You get AMAZING AND SCARY first responses!
- ✦ THE 5 BIG LIES ABOUT SEX

WHAT IS A DRUG?

✦ Define

✦ Classify Legal and Illegal

✦ Alcohol. Marijuana, Ecstasy – what are they and what do they do?

✦ Peer Pressure – Suzanne's Story.

✦ Situation ladder – risk to high risk.

✦ God Statement:

1 Corinthians 3: 16-17 (The Message)

You realize, don't you, that you are the temple of God, and God himself is present in you? No one will get by with vandalizing God's temple, you can be sure of that. God's temple is sacred—and you, remember, are the temple.

HOW CAN GOD HELP?

✠ Prayer

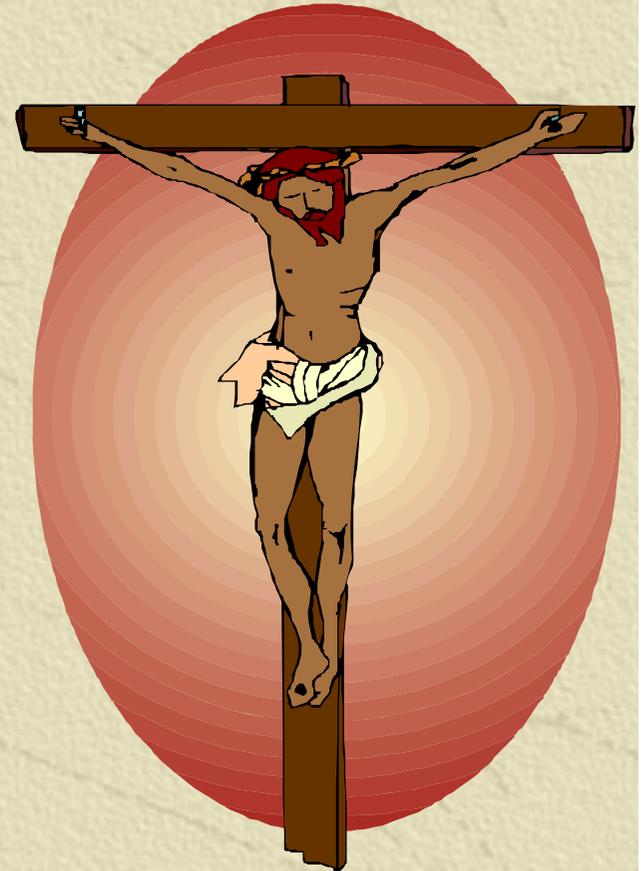
✠ Gives you a new day to talk to friends, peers, counsellor, parents. Support Structures.

✠ Supports you in making decisions that are safe for you – Outdoor Ed blindfold triangle. *Be strong and courageous. for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Deuteronomy 31:6*

✠ *But what if you have gone too far???????????*

FORGIVENESS

- ✠ What is it?
- ✠ 1 Cor 10:12, 1 John 1:9, Psalm 9.
- ✠ God comes to us – love, support, through our friends and family too.
- ✠ There is forgiveness, but there is also consequences for actions.





How do you begin that kind of transformation? You can't manage it on your own. You need God's power and forgiveness. And where do you find that? You ask for it. You ask, admitting your need. And God goes to work in your life. So when you've stopped having sex or taking illegal drugs and asked for forgiveness, can you call yourself a virgin, or a new person? Perhaps you are no longer a virgin, or a non-user in the physical sense. But because you have been purified by God, you are a virgin or person with a new start in his eyes. That may not clear up your reputation or your memory. But it does clear up your future with God.

Once you've experienced God's forgiveness, you'll still have to deal with the leftovers of your past, like guilt. Feelings of guilt are your internal, emotional response. They aren't always reliable. What we call a guilty conscience is often a mixture of feelings like regret, loss, sadness and shame. These are natural feelings for someone who's been involved in a sexual relationship.

The sense of guilt won't instantly change. Like other natural consequences—pregnancy, disease, or painful memories—feelings don't necessarily disappear when God transforms your life. But their sting is taken away. So, even though you may still *feel* guilty, it's vital to know that, as far as God is concerned, you're *not* guilty.

That's the truth of 1 John 1:9, where God promises to forgive us and cleanse us when we confess our sins to him.