



Sex and Love

PASTOR FINK, WOULD YOU MIND IF I ASKED YOU A HYPOTHETICAL QUESTION?

SHOOT.



SUPPOSE I HAD THIS FRIEND, SEE AND SHE HAS THIS REALLY CUTE BOYFRIEND WHO IS USUALLY REALLY NICE MOST OF THE TIME BUT HE SOMETIMES KNOCKS HER AROUND WHEN SHE GETS OUT OF LINE AND HE SOMETIMES PRESSURES HER SEXUALLY. HE SAYS HE LOVES HER ALL THE TIME BUT HE NEVER EVEN LETS HER TALK TO OTHER BOYS. EVER! SO MY QUESTION IS: DOES HE REALLY LOVE HER?

MY ANSWER TO YOUR HYPOTHETICAL FRIEND IS PRETTY SIMPLE. THIS GUY LOVES SOMEBODY, ALRIGHT.

BUT IT ISN'T



SHARE

your highs and lows

Break into pairs. Listen carefully and record your partner's thoughts in the space provided. Then return to small group and share your friend's highs and lows.

MY HIGH THIS WEEK

MY LOW THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S HIGH THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S LOW THIS WEEK



READ

and highlight the theme verse in your Bible

"Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love."

I Corinthians 13:4-8a, 13



TALK

about how the Bible reading might relate to your highs and lows

Choose from the options below to enrich your Talk Time. Invite group members to take turns leading one or more of the following:

IMAGES

1. Choose either the cover photo, cartoon or painting by Dr. He Qi (back page).
2. Where are you in this work of art?
3. How might the art and the theme verse relate to each other?
4. How might the art relate to your highs and lows?

ROLE PLAY

Assign roles and take turns acting out the following:

1. Your boyfriend/girlfriend is pressuring you to have sex. "If you love me, you'll do it." What do you say?
2. Your best friend tells you she is being sexually abused by her cousin. What do you say?

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. What is the difference between love and sex?
2. What is the most difficult part of living the definition of love from I Corinthians 13:4-8? What is the easiest? Explain.
3. What are the consequences of unhealthy sexual relations? Physically? Emotionally? Spiritually?

QUOTATIONS

Choose a quotation (right column) and share your thoughts and questions about it.

To love another person is to see the face of God.

Victor Hugo
(Author of *Les Misérables*)

*Love is not blind.
It sees more, not less.*

Rabbi Julius Gordon

Like nitro-glycerin, sex can be used either to blow up bridges or to heal hearts.

Frederick Buechner

*And when you're fifteen,
don't forget to look
before you fall.*

Taylor Swift

*Love is not a feeling,
Mr. Burns. It's an ability.*

**Teenager Marty in the movie
"Dan in Real Life"**

*You'll never find the right
person until you decide to
be the right person.*

Kathryn Marie Melheim



Write a definition...

AUTHOR

DUNAMIS (GREEK)

LOVE

SEX

YADAH (HEBREW)



Song of Solomon by Dr. He Qi (www.heqigallery.com)



PRAY
for one another's
highs and lows

Gather in a circle. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in your lows. Pray for your friend's highs and lows and for your world. Close in Jesus' name.

Prayers for Highs

Prayers for Lows



BLESS
one another

Trace the sign of the cross on one another's foreheads or palms.

**REMEMBER
1 THING**

God invented sex as a wonderful gift to us. It can give pleasure, joy, and comfort. But like any power, it can also be used to destroy.

