



SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

More Than Friends / Week 3

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

WORSHIP

STORY

GROUPS

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LEADER PREP

BOTTOM LINE

Getting healthy requires extreme measures.

SCRIPTURE

"If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away" (Matthew 5:29a NIV).

GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To help students understand that when it comes to breaking free from things that enslave them, they can't keep just making a commitment or promise to themselves and expect a different result.

THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—the way you approach the subject of pornography will set the tone for how open your students will be. Be intentional about approaching this week's conversation with grace and an understanding tone. This conversation might be difficult to navigate, but you can do it!

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Create meaningful conversation. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why does it feel so strange to talk about porn in church?
2. How can porn negatively affect your ability to have great relationships?
3. Why do you think our culture *doesn't* acknowledge the negative impact porn has in our lives?
4. Why does getting healthy in *any* area require extreme measures?
5. Why is it important to tell someone if we want to get free in areas that imprison us?
6. Whether or not you struggle with porn, what are the benefits of restricting access to it? Why is that inconvenient?
7. What are some things we can do as a group to stay healthy in this area? (*Leaders—deciding as a group to give you their app store passwords or install a filter on their phones is a great first step.*)

TRY THIS

Leaders—let your students know that if they want to talk with you one-on-one about struggling with porn, you'd love to talk with them. Assure them that you'll be there to help and support them, not condemn them. Let them know some ways they can follow up with you and have a conversation (Note: For some of them, it may be less intimidating at first for them to text you. Once they tell you what's going on over text, you can follow up with them in a way that works for your schedule.)