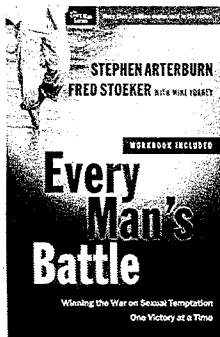


Here are some sample questions to initiate conversations (not interrogations) with your kids:

- Do you know what porn is?
- Have you viewed it before?
- Do your friends ever talk about it or watch it?
- What are your thoughts about porn?
- Do you think it's harmful or harmless, and why?

Additional Resources:



Stephen Arterburn & Fred Stoeker, *Every Man's Battle*, WaterBrook Press, Colorado Springs, CO, 2009.

Written by men addressing men, this clear, practical guide for battling sexual temptations is vulnerable, honest, and insightful. Other books in this same series, authored by women, address these temptations faced by women.

Let's Pray:

For our missionaries:

Becky and Enrique Fernandez, ProMETA

Pray for Becky and Enrique Fernandez and their on-line ministry ProMeta training pastors. Recently 53 students from 16 nationalities graduated.

Sermon Notes

"Pornography and the Hook-up Culture"

Various Texts

September 8, 2019

Introduction

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

A. There is a higher authority:

B. He has set a standard:

C. There are consequences to be avoided:

Conclusion

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 09-08-19

Questions adapted from John Stonestreet & Brett Kunkle, A Practical Guide to Culture, David C. Cook, Colorado Springs, CO, 2017, p. 164-68; 186; Stephen Arterburn & Fred Stoeker, Every Man's Battle, WaterBrook Press, Colorado Springs, CO, 2009, pp. 240; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, p. 283.

Getting Started:

1. What characterizes our culture's attitudes and habits regarding sexual behavior and relationships?

Digging Deeper:

2. We live in a world awash with sensual images available twenty-four hours a day in a variety of mediums: print, television, videos, the internet, and even phones. How aware are you of the sensual images all around you? What has been your way of dealing with – or not dealing with – this bombardment of sexuality on a daily basis?
3. Read Matthew 5:27-28. What do Jesus' words tell you about his deep concern for your thought life?
4. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8.
 - a. How would you respond to someone who says it is possible to be a good Christian while also being sexually immoral?

- b. How can we wrong a person through our sexual behavior?

For Further Study:

Read Stonestreet & Kunkle, A Practical Guide to Culture, chaps 8 and 9.

5. How have you seen pornography damage lives and families?
6. Do you have adequate filtering and monitoring measures in place for your online activities? What is missing?
7. What relational habits are needed to see members of the opposite sex in an honoring, respectful, and life-giving way?
8. What conversations about sex and relationships have you had with the kids under your care and influence? What conversations are still needed?