

## Virgin Territory – 18 March 2008 (Under 15s)

### 1. Sex, virginity and God

- Recap on God's principles of sex inside marriage
  - between one man and one woman who are married.
- United as one - Genesis 2: 18 -25
  - Marriage is about coming together as one, united; sex is part of this process.
  - Vision for marriage – your choices now will affect this
  - Will you walk in the principles of purity, living by the Holy Spirit, not having sex before you are married, ie remaining a virgin
- Special gift – choice when to give it away
  - Buying a second-hand book, clothes as a present
  - Want to give them the best
- Virginity – protection, blessings, testimony
  - Protects us – getting hurt
  - Blessings Matt 5:8 - pure in heart will see God
  - Witness to the world
  - Respect and honouring one another
- Heb 13:4 but there is forgiveness

### 2. Group work

Split into boys and girls groups and get them to think about this through what they see, listen to, read (magazines for them to look at)

- **Messages from the world**  
What does the world say about how we should behave in relationships and our appearance?
  - Any thing goes
  - No real commitment
  - Marriage is taken lightly
  - Advertising – products – happy relationships
  - All about 'me'
- Messages from the bible  
Look up the following verses and identify God's heart for them and who they are in God
- 1 Corinthians 6:18-20
  - Body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who lives in you
  - Purchased by Jesus' death on the cross – high price
  - Honour God with how you behave
  - Sexual sin affects us
- 1 Peter 2:8-10
  - God wants you to obey him, avoid problems
  - Chosen, priests, holy, possession
  - Show others God's goodness
  - Receive mercy
- 2 Timothy 2:22
  - Run away from things that will cause problems

- Do right – faith, love and peace
- Spend time with those that know God (intimate), good motives

Bring them back together and recap main points

### 3. Teaching on God's principles for

- **Relationships**

- Build good friendships – honour one another
- Get to know a person – take a real interest in them
- Spend time with people – in groups, parents & friends
- Listen to advice from others
- Relationships are so much more than the physical side
- Do not awaken love until the time is right – Song of songs 2:7, 3:5, 7:4
- Relationships with non-Christians
- Relationships leading to marriage – united (Gen 2)
- God at the centre – share your life, dreams
- 2 Cor 6 14:&15
- Cannot assume that someone will become a Christian
- Lead to falling away from God

- **Self esteem**

- Self Esteem – favourable opinion of one's own character and abilities
- Knowing who you are in God
- Believe – his love, peace, joy, forgiveness, mercy, children, chosen – Matthew 7:24-27 – God's word
- Building yourself up in God
- See separate sheet
- BUT: Humility Rmns 12:3
- Do not look for love in the wrong places
- True love and forgiveness can only be found in God

- **Challenge – who will you let guide your heart?**

### 4. Questions for small groups

- Any questions from what has been shared?
- What affects your self esteem – positive and negative?
- How do you ensure that you build Godly relationships?

## Part 2 - Virgin Territory

As part of the second session of the **SEX FACTOR** series we are going to look at messages from the world and the bible about sex and relationships and also who we are in God.

### Messages from the world

What does the world say about how we should behave in relationships and our appearance? Think about what you see on TV, listen to, read – scan through some of the magazines available. Write down your thoughts in the box below?

### Messages from the bible

Look up the following verses and identify who God says you are in him and what he commands you to do.

**1 Corinthians 6:18-20**

**1 Peter 2:8-10**

**2 Timothy 2:22**

### **Questions for small group work**

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### **Genesis 2:18-25 (New Living Translation)**

18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper who is just right for him." 19 So the LORD God formed from the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and the man chose a name for each one. 20 He gave names to all the livestock, all the birds of the sky, and all the wild animals. But still there was no helper just right for him.

21 So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the LORD God took out one of the man's ribs and closed up the opening. 22 Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man.

23 "At last!" the man exclaimed.

"This one is bone from my bone,  
and flesh from my flesh!  
She will be called 'woman,'  
because she was taken from 'man.'"

24 This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.

25 Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame.

### **Matthew 5:8 (New Living Translation)**

8 God blesses those whose hearts are pure,  
for they will see God.

### **Hebrews 13:4 (New International Version - UK)**

4 Marriage should be honoured by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral.

### **1 Corinthians 6:18-20 (New Living Translation)**

18 Run from sexual sin! No other sin so clearly affects the body as this one does. For sexual immorality is a sin against your own body. 19 Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, 20 for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body.

### **1 Peter 2:8-10 (New Living Translation)**

8 And,

"He is the stone that makes people stumble,  
the rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.

9 But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

10 "Once you had no identity as a people;  
now you are God's people.  
Once you received no mercy;  
now you have received God's mercy."

### **2 Timothy 2:22 (New Living Translation)**

22 Run from anything that stimulates youthful lusts. Instead, pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love, and peace. Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.

### **Romans 12:3 (New Living Translation)**

3 Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us.

### **2 Corinthians 6:14-15 (New Living Translation)**

14 Don't team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? 15 What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever?