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Nice To Meet Ya, Sex!
We're More Than Friends! Dating

We shouldn't be deciding our beliefs about sex—after we have had sex. So... what do we do to make wise decisions about sex?

ACCESS LUTHER—CATECHISM

Comandments—4th Commandment

- **Purpose is not to teach all about the all the Commandments.** Use this part of the Commandments to further wisdom on the theme.
- **You must honor your father and mother.**
- **Luther's themes: honor, respect, obey, love and value.**
- When it comes to tough decisions like sex and dating let a parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle help. Respect and value their wisdom and comfort.
- God has placed someone in your life who cares!
- Sometimes parents can be, in some circumstances, poor role models... let other adults who are like parents help you!

SCRIPTURE

Jesus and Thomas

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

John 20:24-29 (NRSV)

LARGE GROUP NOTES

Doubting Thomas

- Have faith in God to direct you in dating and at some point, sex
- Thomas needed physical proof, Jesus says faith is God's plan!
- Are you like Thomas?

The Start of Dating

- The way you see guys + gals is changing
- You see yourself differently than you did 2 yrs ago, 5 yrs...
- Romantic interests— everything changes in puberty
- Oh! She looks good! Mmmm he is fine! You didn't think/feel this way when you were 5.
- God created you to continually grow and change and you sure are on the rollercoaster now!
- How romantic relationships hurt your other friendships:
 - No time, jealousy, may force you to choose sides
- Dating crosses a line- Relationship is forever different. You can't go back
- Ask yourself am I even ready to date, ready to change this friendship?

Popular Suggestions

- Date in #'s, group dating
- Avoid boyfriend/girlfriend labels
- Get a parent(s) approval and advice
- Maybe there is no rush!

(not survive, seek to...) **THRIVE = RELATIONSHIPS | DIRECTION | GROWTH**

"Some fell into good soil, and when it grew, it produced a hundredfold." As Jesus said this, he called out, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!" Luke 8:8

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30 SEC POINTS

BIBLE VERSE

ACCESS LUTHER (Pastor)

Mr.ROB / Creative Interruption

SCORE SHEET

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| 1. A B C D | 5. A B C D |
| 2. A B C D | 6. A B C D |
| 3. A B C D | 7. A B C D |
| 4. A B C D | 8. A B C D |

LARGE GROUP



THRIVE SMALL GROUP

- 1** **OPENING PRAYER:** Have someone in the group say a prayer or open together with the Lord's Prayer.
- 2** **LARGE GROUP REWIND:** Have one or two people in the group share a couple **30 SEC Points** from Large Group time.

3 **TURN TO:** **1 Corinthians 6:19-20** *Read silently AND have someone read it out loud.*

What is a temple?
Come up with at least 4 ways our bodies could be considered a temple.

What is dating like at your school:
How long do relationships last?
Are dating relationships different in each grade? How?
How far physically do people in your school go?
Do guys view dating different than girls? How?

How important are the following in dating:
Physical, Emotional, Spiritual
(What do each of these mean to dating?)
Of the 3 above, what do most people think is the most important? Why?
What would God say? Why?

LOWS and HIGHS

Related to tonight's discussion, any of these spark a LOW or HIGH?
Beginnings ● Completions ● Remembering Gratitude ● Quests ● Loss ● Sacred ● Care Mountain High ● Valley Lows

If time allows, use your **LOWS and HIGHS categories above** to think of things since you last met to talk about. **What's going on in your life?**

Closing Prayer

Circle up and go around your group for prayer. **In prayer ask God to help you be wise and see the truth about sex.** Add any other prayers you want! AMEN!!!