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Nice To Meet Ya, Sex!
Sexbusters—Truth and Myth

Sex and sexuality is filled with facts, myths, stories, truths (and dares). We'll address the world's desire to fill us with myths about sex.

ACCESS LUTHER—CATECHISM

Lord's Prayer—3rd Petition

- Purpose is not to teach all about the Prayer or the petition. Use this part of the Lord's Prayer to further wisdom on the theme.
- "Your will be done, on Earth as in heaven."
- Focus on Luther's Explanation: *Truly, God's good and gracious will is accomplished without our prayer. But we pray in this request that it be accomplished among us as well.*
- Use this part of Luther's explanation to show how important it is to seek God's will in tough matters like dating and sexuality.
- Hit home that we are praying that GOD'S WILL be done. That we are in fact asking God to change our wants to God's needs. "God, what do you want me to do when it comes to all things, including sex?"

SCRIPTURE

The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat

²⁴ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Matthew 13:24-30 (NRSV)

LARGE GROUP NOTES

The Good and the Bad

- Matthew 13:24-30
- We learn good things, we are exposed to bad things.
- When the time comes, we have to be able to decide what is God's decision and what is the world's.

Myths, Truths and Realities

- The outside matters more. God disagrees (1 Sam. 16:7)
- We often desire to be more physically mature
- Media feeds us full of images and beliefs about what is pleasing, etc.
- Sex matters more than love. God says... 1 Cor. 14:1
- Myself matters more than others. God says... Phil. 2:3

What is our sexuality really based on?

- Is it about who I have?
- Is it about hormones?
- God has created you exactly as He intended!
- Our worth is not defined by: Who are friends are, what team we are on, our popularity, who we are going out with, our sexual activity
- One consideration: Is sex driven by LOVE or something else?

(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 Samuel 16:7** *Read silently AND have someone read it out loud.*

Samuel thought the tall, really good looking guy was the one to be picked by God. God says... umm, NO.

Make a list. What does the world think is an attractive female and male?

Does your list focus on physical traits? Why? What does God say?

What worries do you have about your looks and how you are developing physically?

Are you alone in your worries? Why?

**Who in your life helps you feel good about yourself?
 What other myths about sex can we tackle tonight?**

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!!!**