

Asking For A Friend
Week 2: Purity
June 12th, 2022

OPENING PRAYER

Have someone in the group invite God's Holy Spirit into our presence. Pray for your encounter with God's Word. Ask God to open your heart and mind to some new understanding and especially to a new way of applying this truth in our daily lives.

SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

~Safe Group	~Silence	~Sharing
~Confidentiality	~No Cross Talk	~Self-Aware
~Listen	~No Fixing	~"I" Statements
~Pause	~No Rescuing	~Handle Conflict Biblically

"GETTING TO KNOW YOU"

Go around the room and briefly share your answer to the following question:

How did you have the birds and bees (i.e.- the sex talk) conversation with your children? Or how did your parents have it with you?

INTRODUCTION

Week 2 of **Asking For A Friend** takes us to several questions that were asked revolving around the topic of sex and purity. To focus on this particular line of questioning, we are going to go all the way back in the Old Testament to Genesis. Our passage today is found in **Genesis 25:29-34**.

THIS WEEK'S KEY SCRIPTURE: Genesis 25:29-34

Read these passages: Have someone in your group read these passages of scripture as everyone else follows along in their Bible.

DISCUSSION:

Go around the room and share from your heart, remembering the group guidelines.

EXPLORING THE SCRIPTURE:

- What do you notice with fresh eyes from these verses?
- What encourages you?
- What causes questions for you?

ENGAGING THE MESSAGE:

- How does verse 32 relate to how our culture engages with sexual temptation?
- How have you viewed sexual desire in your lifetime? (Good? God-given? Taboo? etc.)
- Pastor Heather mentioned that sex **ONES** you with your spouse. (Mind, body, spirit) It is never just sex. How have you viewed that relationship of sex binding you mind body and soul?
- It's not a heterosexual conversation or a homosexual conversation. It is a Holiness conversation. How have these conversations been engaged in your context? (Family, personal life, friends)
- What are your thoughts about the fish bowl illustration from the message on Sunday?

- **Freedom is not the absence of struggle. Freedom is choosing Holiness in the midst of struggle. Discuss in your group the concepts of Freedom, Holiness and God's boundaries.**

LIVING IT OUT-APPLICATION:

- **What was a big take away for you from this week's teaching?**

CLOSING PRAYER: Spend some time in prayer as a group. Pray for one another, for those that might be absent and for prayer requests.