



GREATER THAN SEX

How to Use This Resource

Thank you for purchasing GREATER THAN > Sex We hope you find this resource to be a valuable tool in your work with students. Below you will find a few suggestions on how to use this resource, as well as what's included with your download.

Suggestions

This is a conversation-based series. Project Six19 has learned that some of the best education on sex comes not from lecturing students, but from including them in the dialogue. That is your job with this material!

The way we've seen this work best is by having small groups participate during the talk. Rather than having them meet before or after, have them answer questions during the talk and then share their responses with the group. This will provide some great dialogue and opportunities to go further than the material written.

This series becomes more of a success the less you talk and the more students share. And sometimes, where you hoped to finish might look a little different because of what was shared. See this as a win! This means you've included student in the talk! Use the scripts/outlines as a guide but don't be so stuck on them that you don't allow room for the Holy Spirit to do an amazing work that provides conversations you might not have thought of prior to the start of the talk.

As you let conversations form, you will get to hear exactly what your students are thinking about sex, sexuality, and relationship. That is a wonderful gift and incredible opportunity to minister to each and every one of your students.

Included in the Download

Parents' Letter and Outlines

Utilize the letter to share with parents the goal of the GREATER THAN > Sex series for your students. Every week will also have an outline you can send that will help parents continue the conversation in the home.

Leader Outlines

Prepping leaders every week will be important. These outlines are meant to provide cultural analysis and insight into some of that is shared in the talk each week. This will help with the questions asked throughout the series. It's best to send these out ahead of time.

Scripts and Outlines

Each week will have a full scripts and then a shorter outline the speaker can use to share the GREATER THAN > Sex series.

Slides

These will go hand in hand with the scripts and outlines.

Small Group Handouts

This handout can be given to your leaders so they have a hard copy of the questions. It's best to send this out ahead of time so leaders have time to reflect on some of the questions prior.

21 Day Instagram Devotional

Finding ways to continue the dialogue with students will be important. This is a plug in and run devotional. Simply use the images and scripts provided and have students learn throughout the week!



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God's Grand Story (Includes Sex)

Leader Outline

Cultural Analysis

- In a study of 13 and 14 year old's, **heavy exposure to sexually orientated television increased acceptance of non-marital sex.** [1]
- 56.0% of participants in one study on teenagers agree that electronic media content influences their sexual behavior. [2]
- **Another study found that most youth (47%) are exposed to a LOT of sexual content** – they said that many, almost all, or all of at least one type of media they consume (TV, movies, social media channels, Youtube, video games) depict sexual situations like people kissing, fondling each other, and having sex. [3]
- **Among the 14 to 21-year-old youth in the Growing up with Media study whose media consumption had almost none or no sexual content at all, only 2% had ever had sex.** In contrast, among youth who stated that most or all of the media they consume contain sexual content, 60% of them reported sexual activity. [4]
- **Music continues to be a major source of sexual suggestiveness.** In one study, more than 1/3 of popular songs contain explicit sexual content and 2/3 of these references are degrading. Lyrics often contain explicit sexual messages and an estimated 40% to 75% of music videos contain sexual imagery. [5]
- Sexually objectifying portrayals of women appear in 52% of magazine advertisements, 59% of music videos, and 32% of the music lyrics of male artists. **More than 100 studies have revealed links between young people's exposure to objectifying content and their objectification of women or self-objectification.** [6]

Scripture To Have Ready

Genesis 1:27

Genesis 1:31

Genesis 3:9

Galatians 2:20

Notes for Preparation

This is a conversation-based series. Some of the best education on sex comes not from lecturing students, but from including them in the dialogue.

That is your job with this series! Include your students in the talk and watch it become transformational in their lives and your youth ministry.

To accomplish this, we've provided questions for small groups to answer throughout every talk. The hope would be that you combine your small group and talk time together. This will make for better conversation. If you don't typically have a small group time then consider shortening the game or hang time to compensate for the added time you might need for this talk and small groups.

Some important points to consider before starting the series:

- Sometimes we want our students to say the right answer. Don't do that with these talks! Even if what a student says doesn't match what you want them to say, let them speak honestly. This series is about genuinely entering into the conversations surrounding sex.
- **This series WILL NOT hit on every possible topic surrounding sex.** It is meant to be a building block for other conversations. Remember this as you are going through the series.
- **Be sure you are ready for this dialogue personally before ever discussing this with students.** Sometimes we can minister out of our own pain, hurt, and shame. If you've not come to grips with some of your own past mistakes around sex, please take time to seek healing before dialoging with students. Here are some helpful questions to ask yourself as you prepare to enter this conversation:
 1. Is this an issue in my life?
 2. If it is, what am I doing to get help?
 3. Do I lead out of my own shame? Or do I lead out of the healing that has happened in my life?

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