

## Relationships that Honour God 6: Destroy the Altar!

### Discussion Questions

#### Read 1 Corinthians 10:6-13

- Q1. Why did God put to death 23,000 people?
- Q2. Why did the people who were killed deserve death? Why do you think God was so angry with what they did?
- Q3. What do you think about the statement: "he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear"? How does God's faithfulness in the middle of your temptation reassure you?
- Q4. If God provides a way out of sin, why do we fall into it so much?

#### Review the 3 ways to deal with temptation

- Q5. In the clip from The Matrix Trinity ran as soon as she saw the agents. If the agents represent sexual temptation, what would it look like in your life to run from that temptation?
- Q6. Is it possible to resist sexual temptation? How?
- Q7. When God says to pray "lead us not into temptation" he is telling us to ask him to show us where temptation is so we can steer clear of it. Are you willing to ask God to help you recognize where temptation is in your life? If so, are you also willing to give up things in your life that God shows you are causing temptation?
- Q8. Are you serious about destroying the altar you may have to the god of sex in your temple? Explain *specifically* how you are going to do this.

### Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

#### **1 Corinthians 10:7-13 (NIV)**

<sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters, as some of them were [*them: the Israelites in the desert with Moses*]; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry." <sup>8</sup>We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. <sup>9</sup>We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. <sup>10</sup>And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

<sup>11</sup>These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! <sup>13</sup>No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

#### **3 ways to deal with temptation:**

##### ***RUN... 1 Corinthians 6:18 (p. 687)***

<sup>18</sup> 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.

##### ***RESIST... James 4:7-8 (p. 736)***

<sup>7</sup> So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.

##### ***RECOGNIZE... Matthew 6:13 (p. 580)***

<sup>13</sup> And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.