

FUSION Q's... Relationships that Honour God 3: Beware the Bait!

Discussion Starter ...

Ask the students how their week went. Are there things your students want to pray about?

Discussion Questions ...

Q1. What stood out to you from the talk tonight?

Q2. How does seeing sin as bait on a hook change the way you think about sin and what the world has to offer?

Q3. Think about what bait Satan offers you in order to lead you away from God and fall into sin. What "bait" is Satan using to entice (tempt) you to sin?

Read James 1:12-18

Q4. What is the reward for the person who remains standing when there is hardship?

Q5. According to James what causes us to sin?

Q6. Are there areas/desires in your life that giving birth to sin? How can you fight against them (avoid taking the bait)?

Q7. What does James mean when he says that God never casts a "shifting shadow"?

[Leader: a shifting shadow is untrustworthy as it is always changing unlike God who is completely trustworthy and good. Application – we do need to guess about what is good because he gave us his word to live by]

Q8. How does knowing that God is good, trustworthy, and that we are God's "prized possession" affect the way we look at sin and what God says about it?

Q9. Why do you think it is so hard to trust that God knows what he is talking about when it comes to sex?

[Leaders: God designed the gift of sex for marriage but Satan uses it as bait to catch us and destroy us]

Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion

James 1:12-18 (p. 735)

¹² God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation. Afterward they will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. ¹³ And remember, when you are being tempted, do not say, "God is tempting me." God is never tempted to do wrong, and he never tempts anyone else. ¹⁴ Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. ¹⁵ These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.

¹⁶ So don't be misled, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Whatever is good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens, He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. ¹⁸ He chose to give birth to us by giving us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession.