

## FUSION FOR DA BOYZ... Relationships that Honour God 7: Dating

### **Discussion Questions...**

Q1. What standards do you have about the type of girl you want to date and eventually marry?

### **Read Matt 5:27-32**

Q2. Jesus makes some very bold statements in this passage; in fact, he says it would better to pluck out your eye than to have your eye cause you to miss out on the Kingdom of God. Why do you think Jesus thinks that looking lustfully at girls is so destructive?

Q3. Explain what you think it means for a person's heart be corrupted by lust. Why do you think Jesus places so much importance on this?

Q4. One of the major pitfalls for guys is pornography. What is it about pornography that is so dangerous?

### **Read 1 Corinthians 9:24-27**

Q5. Everywhere you look whether it's in the magazine racks, the TV, movies, music or even billboards we are bombarded by sexual images and sexual language that is immoral and/or suggestive. As a guy with a billion hormones raging around in your body, how can you protect your beliefs about sex that come from God from getting distorted by the world?

Q6. Paul talks about training yourself spiritually as an elite athlete trains himself for the Olympic Games. How can you train yourself spiritually when it comes to the issue of lust?

Q7. What steps can you take to become the type of person who views girls the way God views them?

### **Bible Passages for Fusion Discussion**

#### **Matthew 5:27-32 (p. 580)**

<sup>27</sup> “You have heard the commandment that says, ‘You must not commit adultery.’ <sup>28</sup> But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. <sup>29</sup> So if your eye—even your good eye—causes you to lust, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. <sup>30</sup> And if your hand—even your stronger hand—causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.

#### **1 Corinthians 9:24-27 (p. 689)**

<sup>24</sup> Don't you realize that in a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize? So run to win! <sup>25</sup> All athletes are disciplined in their training. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize. <sup>26</sup> So I run with purpose in every step. I am not just shadowboxing. <sup>27</sup> I discipline my body like an athlete, training it to do what it should. Otherwise, I fear that after preaching to others I myself might be disqualified.

## FUSION FOR DA GIRLZ...

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#### **Discussion Questions...**

Q1. Have you ever thought about what sort of guy you would allow yourself to date before? Do you have a list of standards that must be met before you will date someone?

Q2. Why do you think it is so important for a girl to have high standards when it comes to dating?

Q3. Take some time and discuss as a group what standards you have or should have for a possible dating relationship. Make a list of character and spiritual qualities you think are important in a possible boyfriend that would help protect you and your relationship with God.

#### **Read “Digging Deeper”**

Q4. Why do you think that so many girls are willing to compromise their faith for a relationship with a guy?

Q5. What do you think about the lust for emotional intimacy? Have you ever thought about it before? Has it ever played a part in your life?

Q6. What is your plan to not fall into the trap of lusting for emotional intimacy?

#### **Digging Deeper – A Reflection on Emotional Lust**

When people talk about lust, they usually associate it with guys – and rightly so. Lust is a huge struggle for every red-blooded guy on the planet. However, girls also fall prey to lust – some to a physical lust like boys, but most to a lust for companionship and emotional intimacy. One of the greatest fears for girls is that they will be alone and that no one (particularly guys) will want them. It is amazing what a girl will give up (including her beliefs and faith) for a relationship with a guy. This type of lust is even more destructive than physical lust because it’s so much more destructive to one’s faith. Lusting for emotional intimacy with a guy has been the cause of more girls giving up their virginity, their faith and their own self-respect than any other sin. In almost every case, a girl who chooses to date a guy who does not share her spiritual convictions and beliefs (or a guy who says he does, but whose actions say otherwise) will end up compromising her beliefs to stay in the relationship. In fact, it is only the exception where this does not happen (thus the excuse “but I know so-and-so did and their boyfriend became a Christian”). Unfortunately, almost every girl believes she and her boyfriend are the exception, and the stats are staggering when it comes to girls leaving behind their faith for a guy.