

# HOT TOPICS week 3

## Group Questions

**Objective:** For students to understand that God wants a relationship with commitment not compromise.

### LEVEL 1 (Beginner Track):

On a scale of 1-10, 1 being reading books and 10 being hang-gliding after eating an ex-lax, how much of risk-taker are you? What's the most extreme thing you've ever done?

What is your initial reaction when someone gives you rules or boundaries? Accept or reject? Why do you react this way? Have you ever crossed someone's boundaries (God's, parent's, friend's, own moral)? How did you feel when you cross that boundary? Why did you feel that way?

What is the meanest thing I can do to you and still be your friend? If I continually kept doing that thing and occasionally crossed the line, would you still want to be my friend? When we ask "how far is too far?" what message are we conveying to God? How strong will our relationship with Him be if it is based on doing those things that we think are close to sin, but not quite sin.

How do you keep yourself from falling off a cliff? (stay away from the edge) How do you keep yourself from going too far?

### LEVEL 2 (Intermediate Track):

When it comes to dating, what do you think is too far? (holding hands, kissing, making out, etc.) Does too far equal sin or does too far mean something else?

*"It is God's will that you should be sanctified..." 1 Thessalonians 4:3 (NLT).* What do you think sanctified means? How does this word connect to God's will? If I choose to not do God's will, what is the result?

Would God be pleased with how far you go in your relationships? How can you honor God in your relationships – friendships, dating relationships, relationships with Him, relationship with parents?

This is what the rest of the verse says *"...that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable" 1 Thessalonians 4:4 (NLT).* What steps can you take or boundaries can you enforce to make sure you don't go too far?

### LEVEL 3 (Advanced Track):

What are some steps we can take to control our bodies? What kind of boundaries should we set to honor God?

Know Your BOTTOM-LINE! (How far is too far vs. what's best for future)  
Communicate Your STANDARDS! (DTR- Define The Relationship)  
Stick to Your CONVICTIONS!  
Avoid COMPROMISING SITUATIONS!  
Get OUT when Necessary!