



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of February 19, 2024

1. Representative Nancy Mace made headlines at a July 2023 Washington D.C. Prayer Breakfast, when she said that she was running late because her fiancée wanted to have sex that morning. Why were these remarks so “awkward” in the moment? What did she not understand? ***If you need help, do a Google search for the news story***
2. Why are so many of our Christian high-school, college aged, and twenty-something singles not informed about the Bible’s teaching about sexual activity before marriage? What could be some of the causes?
3. What does the Bible say about sexual activity in Hebrews 13:4; 1 Corinthians 7:2, and 1 Corinthians 6:18-20, and Ephesians 5:3? What are some of the most important reasons why sex is restricted to the boundaries of a covenant marriage?
4. What are some of the potential roadblocks, problems, or issues that can arise when a committed Christian marries someone who isn’t a Christian? Have you ever observed this situation before in a Christian you knew? What happened? What insights does the Bible share about Christians not marrying non-Christians? (see 2 Corinthians 6:14-15 and 1 Corinthians 7:39).
5. Is a 21-year-old Christian girl required to submit and obey her parents if they disapprove of the young man she is dating or romantically involved with? What counsel would you give to her about the way forward? (see Proverbs 27:6; 25:11; 11:14) What red flags might this girl not be seeing on her own? If her parents are solid, mature Christians— how would you advise her to respond?
6. If two Christians get engaged and the young woman is wearing an engagement ring—is sexual activity acceptable since they have “committed” to each other? What would you say about other “sexual practices” that don’t go all the way to intercourse? Use 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6 as part of your discussion.
7. Denise is new to Wrightsdale and has been coming to your LIFE GROUP for the past 6 months. She heard Pastor Ryan’s message last Sunday and is really distraught about the sexual sins of her past. Over the past 10 years she had sex with multiple boyfriends but she knows it was wrong. She claims to be a genuine Christian but wasn’t living for Christ during this previous season of life. What counsel would you give her about overcoming her guilt, shame, and embarrassment? (see 1 John 1:9; Titus 2:14)
8. It seems like some churches and Christians have been reluctant to speak clearly and carefully about sexual issues. Why do you think this is? What are some of the real-world consequences of not teaching the Bible’s instructions and insights on these issues?

Sex and relationships with God’s wisdom is like driving a supercar without a steering wheel.