

Hot Topics

Alternative Lifestyle

Leader Guide

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Note to Leaders: *Many girls have friends or family members who are homosexuals. Be sensitive to these girls who may view homosexuality as an acceptable alternative lifestyle. It may help to begin your discussion by asking for a show of hands if anyone knows someone who is a homosexual.*

There's a lot of talk these days about "tolerance."

- *What does the word tolerance mean? Are some forms of tolerance good? Are some forms of tolerance bad? Which ones?*
- *One thing the world wants us to tolerate is "alternative lifestyles." Should a Christian be tolerant of them? Why or why not?*
- *Without naming any names have you had any friends "come out"? If so, how did you respond?*
- *How should Christians respond to homosexuals?*

Use the following Scriptures in your discussion.

Read Genesis 1:20–25, 28.

- What was God's original design for marriage and family?
- God created a man and a woman, not a man and another man.
- God commanded mankind to be fruitful and multiply. Homosexual couples can't do that.

Read Genesis 19:1–29.

- Why did God destroy Sodom and Gomorrah?
- God destroyed entire cities for their homosexual lifestyle and sexual immorality.
- Do the activities that Sodom and Gomorrah were participating in bear any resemblance to some of the things going on in today's culture?

Read Leviticus 18:22.

- What does this scripture say about homosexuality?
- God severely condemns homosexuality.

Read Romans 1:24–27.

- What does this passage say about homosexuality?
- Homosexuality is an unnatural act that God calls "indecent." People who do these things receive penalty for their perversion.
- What does it mean to exchange the truth of God for a lie? What lie is this verse talking about?

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Read 1 Corinthians 6:9–11.

- What does this verse say about homosexuality?
- The sexually immoral and homosexuals will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- What does this verse say about redemption? Can homosexuals change?
- We must keep in mind to hate the sin and love the sinner, as an individual. We've all fallen short of the glory of God.

Although homosexuality is a sin, we must remember that Christ died to forgive those involved in this lifestyle.

Prayer: Pray for those who have friends or relatives that are trapped in the homosexual lifestyle. Pray for the girls to have the wisdom to see the darkness involved in that lifestyle and to have the courage to turn from any personal temptations.

Additional Resources:

For more information and godly insight on alternate lifestyles, see:

- Exodus International (www.exodusglobalalliance.org) which is a ministry devoted to helping individuals attain freedom from homosexuality.
- *Truth & Tolerance: Student* and *Truth & Tolerance: Youth Leader* booklets from Exodus International. These resources provide great, practical advice for dealing addressing the issue of homosexuality with your students.
- *101 Questions About Homosexuality* by Mike Haley. This book is a great resource for you as a leader as you attempt to answer some of the tough questions your girls may have.

For more topical Bible studies for teen girls, visit www.myhealthychurch.com/teengirls

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