



TEACHER GUIDE

Name: _____

Answer the following questions as you watch the video:

1. What is Unconditional Compassion?
Love that comes completely freely.
2. Jesus doesn't just love you when you fall into sexual sin, he is with you.
3. What metaphor does God use to describe the way we show unconditional compassion?
A (spiritual) house
4. What is the product of unconditional compassion?
Redemption
5. If someone is struggling with sexual sin, what are some things you can do for them?
Answers will vary. (Be there for people, offer to listen, promise them you will not give up on them)

Other notes or questions while watching: _____

The following questions will guide the in-class discussion.

A VERY IMPORTANT NOTE: For a long time, the devil has convinced the church that there is no way to talk about God's good gift of sex, convincing Christians that sex is always a dirty thing that should be hidden. He's wrong. Sex is good, and by lying to the church he hijacked a really good, important topic. God made sex. God designed what "good sex" is meant to be. We can and should talk decently but openly about it to help each other understand this incredible gift. We are stewards of God's world, and sex is a good part of that world. Basically, we're asking you not to be shy, and at the same time, not to be judgmental.

Which of these words is more difficult to show to someone struggling with sexual sin:

"Unconditional" or "Compassion?" Why?

Answers will vary. The point of the question is to show that both are difficult. Most students will probably trend toward "unconditional" at first, but show how compassion, true compassion, is very hard to give. It requires you to actually care about someone else. Not to just say, "Oh, I'm sorry that's happening to you" or "That must be hard," but to choose to invest in another people and stick with them through the tough stuff. That's a real challenge.

God's unconditional compassion for sinners is obvious in the Scriptures. Why then is the unconditional compassion of Christians so important for someone who is struggling with sexual sin? First of all, God chooses to preach his Word through Christians. Even if someone reads a Bible by themselves, how can they be sure that it actually applies to them? Second of all, reading the Scriptures can be a hard thing to get the motivation to do when you're feeling guilty about sexual sin. Very often, people caught in a sin they are ashamed of will hide, even from God. This requires someone to go out of their way and step into that person's life with the gospel. This question hopes to communicate that Christians cannot just leave people struggling with sin by themselves. It is our responsibility to reach out to them.

Some people might say, "People who struggle with porn don't need compassion, they need to be shown how disgusting they are so they stop!" Explain why this is wrong, and how being compassionate is actually the only way to change a heart.

Even someone who is not really "sorry" for their sin needs compassion. Sin is, in essence, slavery. Even if a slave doesn't know he is a slave, he still needs love and saving. This may be a good place to bring out Romans 8:1-4 which shows that only the gospel, the Holy Spirit working through the message of Jesus, can change a heart. The law is powerless to change a heart. This question hopes to help students realize that the only way to help someone who is struggling is to give them the gospel, as tempting as it might be to give them the law.

Who are some people in your school who you consider "unconditionally compassionate?"

This will be different at every school, obviously. The hope is to identify some people (faculty primarily, but also could be students) who the student can try to emulate. In addition, it makes students who might be looking for unconditional compassion aware of sources to go for help. Do not let this conversation go without making sure you identify what characteristics make those people seem unconditionally compassionate.

How might you work to become someone who people view as unconditionally compassionate so you might help others?

This will be personal, and answers will vary. But it's a good chance to appropriate these ideas to the lives of the students. If your class feels comfortable, this might be a chance to talk about how you might show unconditional compassion to someone of the opposite sex, as opposed to someone of the same sex. See if you can get at least 5 practical examples from the students.