



HOW FAR IS TOO FAR?

TEACHER GUIDE

Name: _____

Answer the following questions as you watch the video:

1. What does the word “transgress” mean? _____
Cross over a line.
2. What are the two problems with the question “How far is too far?”
1. The law of God isn’t just a curb. 2. Using the law as a curb isn’t the best use of the law.
3. Sex is primarily about _____ honoring God _____.
4. What are the three pieces of advice that Pastor Caleb gave you in the video?
 - a. Talk to smart people who are older than you (have been through it).
 - b. Talk to yourself. Listen to your conscience.
 - c. Do things that will be beneficial in the long run.

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.

There is a break in the video at about 4min in. Do you understand the "best use of the law?" Can you explain all three uses and how the "mirror" is the best use for Christians?

The video said that different people have different ideas of how far is too far. What things might contribute to a person's understanding of how far is too far? Evaluate each thing that you list, and explain why that source is trustworthy or not trustworthy.

Why do people like to make absolute rules where God has not made rules? Why do you think God didn't give us absolute rules about things like "How far is too far?"

Whose responsibility is it in the relationship to set the boundaries for how far is too far, the man's or the woman's?

How can pornography negatively affect someone's perception of "How far is too far?"

What is the good news for people who have gone "too far?"

Commented [1]: The three uses of the law are 1. Curb. 2. Mirror. 3. Guide.

The curb keeps us on the right path. It tells us the way to go.

The mirror shows us how we have no measured up to the law. It gives us a side by side comparison of our works to the perfection God demands.

The guide is for Christians as they try to live in thanks to God so they can know exactly what honors him and his creation.

The mirror is the best use of these because it is the... [1]

Commented [2]: This question is intended to get kids to see other's point of view and realize that not everyone has come from the same family or friend (or maybe even church) background as they have. Answers will include things like Parents, Siblings, Friends, School, Media-Internet or TV, Personal Experience, and of course, someone will say "The Bible."

There is no "right" answer to this question. We said in the video that even the Bible doesn't give us a specific...

Commented [3]: This question hopes to show the students that neither legalism nor a disregard for the law is healthy.

The answer to the first question will be something like "It makes God's demands manageable." "We can set up rules that we can keep and look down on other people for not keeping." "If we make the rules, then we might actually be able to achieve them." The hope is to show them that their sinful hearts are always trying to...

Commented [4]: This is a controversial question and will hopefully get a lot of your students talking because they will almost certainly have an opinion.

The right answer is "both," but to some extent, you can make an argument that the man should be the "leader" in honoring God. You may not necessarily want to get into the roles of men and women in a dating relationship here, so be careful.

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Commented [5]: We've really spent most of this lesson not talking about porn in a direct way, so this is the chance to bring it back into the conversation. Students will have some interesting answers because this question is open-ended. There is really no right answer.

For you, it is important to teach the kids that porn is unrealistic. Porn makes sex more about performance than about intimacy. Porn is about showing how far you...

Commented [6]: This is your chance to preach the gospel. More than likely, some student will give the basic answer, "Jesus died to forgive you sins." But take this chance to let them soak in the grace of God, because there will inevitably be some students sitting your classroom who are feeling very guilty about how far they've gone. A good verse to turn to and have everyone read is Galatians 5:13-25. Maybe just read it out loud, or have a student read it, or have students read it verse by verse. Ask them to explain what they...

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