



ICE BREAKER:

DISCUSSION:

1. This week as we talk about appearances we want to first center around purity. Is purity a choice?

Does it go beyond just physical/ outward?

Read Proverbs 7:1-7

5. Can man have multiple treasures?

6. The "window of his house" and "looking through the lattice" what are those illustrating?

8. Harrison said longing leads to looking, looking leads to lingering, and lingering leads to _____.

9. Not everyone's struggle is appearance with the physical, a lot of us can struggle with needing or seeking satisfaction from parent/authority approval, performance, success in academics, success socially, success in sports. – What is the longing that stirs you to want to "look" out or really look elsewhere?

Harrison talked about when he's hungry, tired, insecure... kids could say the same, could also say lonely, down on self, feeling humiliated, feeling pressured/compared

Sow a thought, reap an act. Sow an act, reap a habit. Sow a habit, reap a character. Sow a character, reap a destiny.

11. What do you think it means when it talks about "sowing to please the sinful nature"?

Feeding our minds with thoughts we're allowing to be in our "yard" so to speak, because we're giving opportunity to gaze upon these things.

APPLICATION:

14. Continue with the illustration set before us in Proverbs 7. A man can sit in his house and gaze out the window or he can peer through the lattice. Can some of the thoughts, longing, temptation be tempered by the neighbors we keep our house next to? Consider the illustration further- what block do we reside on? Are there friends you can invite into your house, ones that will draw the metaphorical curtains?

Spur kids to think through the crowd they run with company they keep and where they have or haven't invited others to keep them accountable. Philippians 4:8 see the purity hand out for students.

15. Look up and read Hebrews 13:12-13 & Romans 5:8-11 together. Why do you think it is important to know at least a few other people who are making similar choices about media/purity/ relationships/ appearance? Who are one or two people who you know you can trust to support and encourage you to glorify God in your choices?

16. Look up and read Ephesians 5:8-11 & Matthew 5:14-16. How can you identify with Christ and shine His light when it comes to choices? If Jesus were around today, how would his consumption of media look differently from your consumption of media? (think Netflix binge) What does that tell you about what needs to change?

16. If there's time look at the handout for purity. Consider the high bar we have been called to by God's word. Do you have the right neighbors and friends who you can be fully known and accountable to? What can you do to be mature?

What are ditches you recognize? Thought patterns that need pointing out?

Nobody has to share or have a grand "ah hah" moment. We want this 'gentle prodding' to take root in their life.

We want students to bear fruit of Godly choices.