September 4, 2024

Dear Parents of Thrivers,

Throughout the month of October, we will be covering the subject of Biblical Sexuality. Not just what God says about sex, but where we find our identity, our self-worth and how that drives our choices. In 2016 Lesli and I went to a youth leader training that shared some alarming statistics that point to the need for these conversations to be included in every youth ministry. These are proving to be important conversations. Students are hearing the worldly view of sex and we know that a biblical view will bring some truth to the misunderstandings of the world.

The discussions will go as follows:

* An overview of what God says about sexuality and where we find our self-worth and identity.
* An investigation into what the world says about biblical sexuality and how shame and forgiveness affect us.
* Why sex and marriage are linked together in the bible.
* Building healthy relationships while living an honoring and respectful life.

We want to be transparent and know that we are here to support any further conversations you may want to have with your teens. We would encourage you to be asking them what we are talking about each week.

We understand and respect that some parents may choose to keep their students from youth group for this month. We hope to see those students back in November.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns as I recognize this is a topic that is challenging to some students.

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In Christ,

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