

Hot Topics

LEADER GUIDE

the party life

Note to Leader: *There is nothing wrong with Christians having parties. There are plenty of examples in the Bible of people celebrating and partying – but these people were outwardly expressing the joy they felt inside, not depending on their outward actions to create their happiness and a good time.*

When Christians in the Bible held parties they revolved around food, fellowship, and music. Sometimes there was even dancing.

Give a few examples of parties in the Bible. What was different about those parties from the parties people have today? Look up the following passages if you need help: Exodus 15:20; 1 Samuel 18:6; Psalm 149:3.

The dancing back then and the dancing today are very different. In the Bible, dancing was usually women with other groups of women, men with other groups of men, or expressions of worship to the Lord. Most of the dancing in today's contexts are meant to stimulate some sort of emotional or sexual response. Especially when it's done in an environment like a club or an unchaperoned party with other people who have that as a similar mindset, where there's alcohol or other substances present, and the intention of the evening is to kick back, have a good time, and "live a little."

Use the following Scripture verses in your discussion:

Read Galatians 5:19–21

Using a dictionary, take a minute to look up some of the words from this passage that you may not fully understand. Re-read the passage out loud in your words.

Which of the actions from this passage are commonly associated with partying and clubbing?

What is the danger in participating in the actions listed in the passage?

Read Romans 12:2

Think of some examples of being "conformed to the world." In what areas are you conforming to the world?

What does it mean to "renew your mind"? What can you do to renew your mind?

According to the passage, what happens when we live with a renewed mind?

Read Galatians 1:10

How does this verse relate to the topic of partying and clubbing?

Talk about a time when you did or said something because you were trying to appeal to a certain friend or group of people. What was the result?

What are some ways you can resist peer pressure?

Why can't you please both man and God?

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Read Luke 8:17

What do you think about this verse?

How does this verse challenge us to make better decisions?

Read Matthew 14:6-10

Because King Herod was caught up in the moment of partying and was enticed by provocative dancing, he made a foolish mistake which led to the murder of an incredible man. Even afterwards he regretted his actions.

What affect could your behavior at a party or a club have on someone else? What about on yourself?

Read John 17:14-19

In this passage Jesus is praying to His Heavenly Father for the disciples prior to being arrested before his death.

What does He mean when He talks about the disciples not being apart of the world anymore than Jesus himself is?

What does being "in the world but not of it" look like in our lives?

How can we demonstrate our faith in Christ to others around us who might be watching us?

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