

# HILLSIDE STUDENTS

## NOT EVEN A HINT | Sexual Immorality

### LEADER TOOLS

**REMINDERS:** Take *ATTENDANCE!* Use the app & let us know who to add/remove!

**GAME:** 🎮 *PLAY Common Ground!* Divide students into small groups. Give them 3 minutes to find as many things as possible that everyone in the group has in common (e.g., “We all like pizza” or “We’ve all seen the same movie”). After time is up, each group shares their list with the larger group. The group with the most commonalities wins.

**TOPIC OVERVIEW:** This message addresses sexual immorality—specifically lust—with both honesty about its danger and hope in God’s grace. Students need to understand that God’s design for sexuality is protective, not restrictive, while also receiving clear pathways for confession and restoration when they fall. Culture normalizes lust through social media, music, movies, and relationships, making “wrong desires feel normal.” Students carry heavy shame about pornography, lustful thoughts, past choices, or ongoing struggles. They need to hear that conviction (the Spirit drawing them back) is different from condemnation (believing they’re broken forever). Jesus came to save, not condemn. Our resurrecting God rebuilds what’s broken. The practical application we point to needs to be simple and true: confess to God for forgiveness, confess to trusted people (especially parents) for help and healing, say no one day at a time, and focus on following God. Big problems require big action. Students need permission to be bold in getting help. **CRITICAL:** The goal is freedom in Christ, not shame-based compliance. Emphasize that God’s kindness leads to repentance (Romans 2:4), that there is no condemnation in Christ Jesus (Romans 8:1), and that sexual sin—while serious—is covered by Jesus’ blood just like every other sin.

### ICE-BREAKERS:

- What is your least favorite ice cream flavor?
- Pepsi, Coke, or Dr. Pepper. Why?

### MESSAGE DEBRIEF & BIBLE STUDY:

- What stood out to you from the past 3 weeks (impurity, greed, sexual immorality)?
- **Read Ephesians 5:1-3.** How does living with a hint of impurity, greed, or sexual immorality hurt us?
- What does it mean to “walk in the way of love”? Why is this way better?
- **Read 1 John 1:9 & James 5:16.** Why is it important to confess to God AND to others?
- What does it look like to practice confession? (*Leaders, help guide students practically through what confession could look like in their lives.*)
- **Read Psalm 139:23-24. Internal Reflection Question:** What are some areas you’re not following God’s example for your life? Have you confessed to God and a parent/guardian?
- **Leaders** - take a few moments for reflection, then lead your group in a prayer asking for the Lord to change hearts as you repent and follow Him, and pray for courage to identify and confess any sin in our lives.

### DISCUSSION

Join us as we read the New Testament in 6 months!



### READING PLAN