

Conversation Guide

Drugs

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“Just because something is legal doesn’t necessarily make it good. This is because for Christians, our ultimate standard of morality does not come from the government, but from God.”

Summary

It is important for Christians to remember that we are called to obey governing authorities. In the United States the legal age for substance use is 21 and though this may seem arbitrary to some people, it's actually not. Substances can affect teen's brains much more easily than adult brains. Though there may seem to be many short term rewards for using drugs, it is important to keep in mind the long term consequences that can come with drug use.

Reflect, Discuss, and Share

01 Scripture teaches that as Christians we are to submit to governing authority. Sometimes, this means being radically obedient in direct opposition to culture. Why do you think this is something God asks of us?

Discuss!

“All things are lawful to me,’ but not all things are helpful. ‘All things are lawful for me,’ but I will not be dominated by anything.”

— 1 Corinthians 6:12 ESV

02 1 Corinthians talks about how everything is lawful but not everything is beneficial. What can Christians do to determine if something is not only lawful, but also beneficial?

Think about this!

Decide for yourself where the line is that determines if something is beneficial. If we do not decide where that line in advance then we will be tempted to consume whatever seems pleasurable now.



03 Has there been a time when you deeply desired to do something that you knew was not a good choice? Why were you so drawn to this thing? Did you end up giving in to your desire? Or were you able to resist the temptation? Share that story with your teens.

Be Vulnerable!



Check out <http://breakpoint.org/2018/01/john-stonestreet-jeff-hunt-christian-clarity-marijuana/> for an interview with Jeff Hunt about the effect legalized marijuana has had on CO and how Christians should approach the subject.