

Life Group Questions

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God & Sex – Dr. Christopher Yuan

Please review the questions, selecting any you believe will be helpful for your group and adapting as needed. You don't need to go through everything. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your group so your discussion will build everyone up to love God and each other more.

Note from Pastor Jonathan

Hey Life Groups,

I hope God used Dr. Christopher Yuan and his mother, Angela, to grow your understanding of God's design for sex and gender. And I hope we have learned to better bring our struggles to God and have healthy conversations with others about sex.

Dr. Yuan's ministry provided questions for discussing his sharing. There are many questions, so please choose questions that resonate with your group.

I've included links to some of his resources and videos, so if you missed out on some of the talks you can still learn from Dr. Yuan.

Love you guys,

Pastor Jonathan Hsieh
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Open in Prayer

Ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you through the text, the questions, and each other.

Opening Question

Did anything stand out to you from any of the talks?

Questions

1. What boundaries have you put in place to protect yourself, your spouse and/or your children from internet pornography, even if you don't struggle with pornography yourself?

Do you have an accountability partner or mentor?

Have you had the opportunity to have regular conversations with your children about sex and sexuality (since children are made aware of sexuality topics very early, even in kindergarten)?

2. God told Angela on the train when she was going to end her life, "You belong to me." How has God told or shown you that you belong to him? What does that mean to you?

3. In what ways may you have worshipped the creation instead of the Creator?

Are there idols in your life right now?

In the book Dr. Yuan wrote, "Idolatry wasn't simply worshiping a carved image; it was that thing I felt I couldn't live without." What are possible idols in your life?

Have career, education, health, comfort, friends, hobbies, even family become an idol?

Parents, what are you doing to emphasize your children's intimacy with Christ over against their education, their sports, or their friends?

4. What is your greatest weakness where Satan distracts the most?

Have you shared this with a trusted sister or brother in the Lord?

What safeguards do you have in place to keep you from giving in to temptation?

Have you made any recent choices (without seeking godly counsel) that have made your life more difficult?

What is God saying to you now about that choice?

5. The Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 2:4, "God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance."

What are some examples in the Bible where God showed kindness and this led to repentance?

How can you put this into practice this week?

Name a person you know who is not a Christian and explain how you can show kindness to them in the hopes that they would repent of unbelief and make Jesus Christ their Lord and Savior.

6. The novelization of the movie War Room was dedicated by the author Chris Fabry, "To Angela Yuan, prayer warrior."

Do you have a war room prayer closet similar to Angela's?

Do you have a list of prayers and a list of people you pray for?

What is the best time of day for your talk with God?

How are you being intentional to talk with God throughout your whole day?

7. Angela counted her blessings even in the hardest times of her life.

Are you going through a trial or storm?

In the midst of this, can you still see a small blessing?

How are you able to focus on God's promises instead of focusing on your circumstances?

Oswald Chambers wrote, "We are not here to prove God answers prayer; we are here to be living monuments of God's grace." What will you do this week to be a monument of His grace? Will you share that with someone today?

8. After receiving the news of his HIV status, Dr. Yuan read this passage from Jeremiah 29:11, "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

What hope, promise and/or plan of God do you want or have you seen in your life?

9. Dr. Yuan said, "unconditional love does not mean unconditional approval of our behavior."

What are some examples in the Old Testament where God showed love without showing approval of sinful behavior?

What are some examples in the New Testament where God showed love without showing approval of sinful behavior?

What are some examples in your life where God showed love without showing approval of sinful behavior?

10. Dr. Yuan said, "The opposite of homosexuality is not heterosexuality. The opposite of homosexuality is holiness."

What does this mean to you?

Have we inadvertently made heterosexuality the goal for those who experience same-sex attractions?

In addition, the opposite of anything is holiness. Share one thing that you can do to pursue holiness today.

11. Dr. Yuan has HIV, which has no cure. And yet, all of our days are numbered. God has created us to live with a sense of urgency.

What will you do differently this week to give glory to God in your life, knowing that tomorrow isn't guaranteed?

12. Angela said, "Dr. Leon Yuan is not dead. He is now more alive than he ever was before."

Do you know whether you have eternal life?

In Romans 10:9, Paul writes, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." If you have just done that, share this with a pastor, staff, or church leader. We want to celebrate with you and provide you next steps on walking with Jesus!

Choose Your Next Step

What next step will you commit to for the upcoming week (and beyond)?

Closing Prayer

A closing prayer is an effective way to point people back to our Loving Father as they seek to apply their new learnings throughout the week. Ask group members to share what they sense God calling them to. Pray for each other and commit to continue to do so during the week as people step out in obedience to God's leading.

Appendix

Yuan Family Testimony (46 minutes) <https://youtu.be/TsSYn8ZynP0>

Here is a recording of Dr. Yuan and both his parents sharing their testimony.

Ordinary Parents, Extraordinary Father 國語 (1 hour) <https://www.youtube.com/live/VSXF0rEYmxg>

Here's a sharing by Leon and Angela Yuan in Mandarin with English translation. The four points are: (1) I am not responsible for my child's rebellion, (2) I can't change my child's rebellion, (3) my children don't belong to me, and (4) love is not enabling.

Testimony – Leon & Angela Yuan (17 minutes) <https://youtu.be/UPvL-FaFGK4>

Here is an old testimony of just Dr. Yuan's parents back in 2011.

Understanding what Identity is (7 minutes) <https://youtu.be/HusccuFE8Jg>

Dr. Yuan talks with Alisa Childers about how sexuality is not identity. We all have the same need to repent and believe.

Sexual Identity: False Identity (45 minutes) <https://youtu.be/-35SWFIHk0k>

It was profound hearing how his mother prioritized her son knowing Jesus over getting a good career. “God, do whatever it takes.” Wow. What a prayer.

Is Being Gay Genetic? (6 minutes) https://youtu.be/aagFTIK_XsI

Christopher Yuan gives three responses to the question.

The Holy Sexuality Project (1 minute) <https://youtu.be/fGHUdWKAMgo>

Here’s a brief promo video of the Holy Sexuality Project.

What is the Holy Sexuality Project? (36 minutes) <https://youtu.be/naLTJzXiaEI>

Here’s a longer conversation by Dr. Yuan about his new resource. I love his line, “Because a person cannot separate their behavior from who they are. Here’s a good example. Before I knew Christ, when I identified as a gay man, and I was not Christian, I could not hate my sin without hating myself. Now that I know Jesus, I can hate my sin without hating myself.”

Sex, Gender, & the Image of God (58 minutes) <https://youtu.be/CcjrLf3HUUY>