



## Talking 'bout Sex (Konect Series)

### Welcome (10 mins)

*(Record 10 short extracts of current songs from the radio / t.v. which include obvious lyrics about sex and love)*

Hand out paper and pens and play the clips one at a time, allowing a few seconds for thinking time to identify the band. Once all 10 have been played, rewind the tape and play them through again and see how many people got right.

Which song was people's favourite? Why?  
Which song was least liked? Why?

### Worship (20 mins)

*(You may like to have some music on in the background)*

Read Psalm 139 slowly, encouraging people to focus on what is being said. Encourage people to write down / focus on the verse that most 'hits' them. Share what God has said to people and pray.

### Word (40 mins)

*(Require: magazines)*

Mini- quiz (example)

1. Which teen pop star claims she is still a virgin despite a recent single boasting 'I'm not that innocent' (Britney Spears)
2. Under their new contract, how much will each of the stars of 'Friends' earn per episode? (£750,000)
3. Which band's music video features exploding computers and T.V.'s? (oasis – who feels love)
4. Name the Russian tennis ace who has vowed to stay a virgin until she marries (Anna Kournikova)
5. Jay Kay has designed a convertible car based on what? (his girlfriend – Denise Van Outen)

Ask people to rip out adverts which use sex or sexy images to help sell a product. Then make a list of all the products that are being sold – is there any link between the product and the image? (very likely not!) If you have been able, show a set of pre-recorded t.v. adverts which use sex/images to sell products. Which one was the best and why? Which one was the worst and why? What tactics were used?



Have a sheet of paper with these words written out clearly on it:  
Power; pleasure; gentle; disappointment; fondness; exploitation; cheap  
thrills; tender; selfish pleasure; tasteful; soft porn; love; lust; affection;  
cheap; beautiful; tacky; soft; passion; devotion; loyalty; hunger;  
temporary; guilt; care; lasting; faithful; casual

- a. Proverbs 5.18-20, 23-29
- b. 1 Thess 4.3-8 (very good in The Message)
- c. Song of Songs 2.1, 4.1-7
- d. Mark 10.9, 1 Corinthians 6.18, Exodus 20.14

Get the group into 2s or 3s with a pen, paper and Bible. Ask each group to take another look @ the magazine adverts collected earlier. From the list of the words on the paper (power, pleasure etc.) discuss and then list those words which the group consider apply to the way sex is portrayed in these ads.

After a few minutes, look up some of the bible references – write a 2 line summary of each passage. Compare the words listed from the ads with the bible summaries. Help the group to see the significance of the vastly different attitudes towards sex portrayed in the ads and what Scripture says is God's ideal.

### **Witness (20 mins)**

Pray for each other – for minds to be renewed to think like God thinks more (Romans 12.2)

Pray for your area or school – for a change in attitudes.

### **Notes**

Aim: to get young people discussing issue of sex in an appropriate way

- Sex is a gift from God
- The way sex is shown in adverts, magazines etc. is very different to the way God intended it to be understood and enjoyed