



# GREATER THAN SEX

## **How to Use This Resource**

Thank you for purchasing GREATER THAN > Sex We hope you find this resource to be a valuable tool in your work with students. Below you will find a few suggestions on how to use this resource, as well as what's included with your download.

## **Suggestions**

This is a conversation-based series. Project Six19 has learned that some of the best education on sex comes not from lecturing students, but from including them in the dialogue. That is your job with this material!

The way we've seen this work best is by having small groups participate during the talk. Rather than having them meet before or after, have them answer questions during the talk and then share their responses with the group. This will provide some great dialogue and opportunities to go further than the material written.

This series becomes more of a success the less you talk and the more students share. And sometimes, where you hoped to finish might look a little different because of what was shared. See this as a win! This means you've included student in the talk! Use the scripts/outlines as a guide but don't be so stuck on them that you don't allow room for the Holy Spirit to do an amazing work that provides conversations you might not have thought of prior to the start of the talk.

As you let conversations form, you will get to hear exactly what your students are thinking about sex, sexuality, and relationship. That is a wonderful gift and incredible opportunity to minister to each and every one of your students.

## **Included in the Download**

### *Parents' Letter and Outlines*

Utilize the letter to share with parents the goal of the GREATER THAN > Sex series for your students. Every week will also have an outline you can send that will help parents continue the conversation in the home.

### *Leader Outlines*

Prepping leaders every week will be important. These outlines are meant to provide cultural analysis and insight into some of that is shared in the talk each week. This will help with the questions asked throughout the series. It's best to send these out ahead of time.

### *Scripts and Outlines*

Each week will have a full scripts and then a shorter outline the speaker can use to share the GREATER THAN > Sex series.

### *Slides*

These will go hand in hand with the scripts and outlines.

### *Small Group Handouts*

This handout can be given to your leaders so they have a hard copy of the questions. It's best to send this out ahead of time so leaders have time to reflect on some of the questions prior.

### *21 Day Instagram Devotional*

Finding ways to continue the dialogue with students will be important. This is a plug in and run devotional. Simply use the images and scripts provided and have students learn throughout the week!





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## God's Grand Story (*includes Sex*)

### Teaching Script

#### Series Goal

To understand that Jesus is GREATER THAN any revelation the world might make about sex, sexuality, and relationships. His plan is best, safest, and healthiest.

#### Understanding For Talk

We've been written into a wonderful story, which includes everything from Creation to Restoration. In this story we find identity and purpose.

#### Scripture To Have Ready

Genesis 1:27

Genesis 1:31

Genesis 3:9

Galatians 2:20

#### Activities

- Small groups are meeting throughout the presentation.
- Thoughts shared on a white board: this will help with dialogue throughout the talk.

#### Takeaways

- God's Grand Story reveals a four-part drama.
- Your perception of this story will impact your language/posture surrounding sex.
- We are built for relationships.
- We are only made emotionally, mentally, and spiritually whole through God and His son, Jesus Christ.

## Script



Sex, there is probably no other word in the English language that will grab someone's attention as quickly as this one! Just look at how quickly it caused you to look forward, shoot a glance over to a friend, or even make a side comment that led to laughter. 24/7 we are surrounded by this topic.



- Today's most popular songs sing about IT.
- Hollywood's biggest hits always have scenes, conversations, or side jokes about IT.
- Even video games include sex scenes or innuendos in the plot.

Over the next three weeks we are going to dive into this subject, looking first at God's Grand Story and how this wonderful subject was written into it. We will look at how this story shapes our languages, beliefs, identity, and purpose. Then we will dive into what Scripture says about sex. We will end by looking at whether or not God's standards are even possible in today's world!

We want this to be an honest conversation. This means we will have conversation, seek input, and ask for some vulnerability. We also want you to know God is not quiet on the subject of sex. God is the one that created sex - God is the sex-maker! Therefore, there is plenty God wants to communicate.

That might sound weird, right?!? But it is the truth.

With that said, I think it is appropriate to say this word out loud. If we are going to speak honestly then you need to be able to say it in front of others. The word, SEX! On the count of three I want everyone to say this word out loud. Okay, you ready? One, two, three!

**Note:** *Be aware of what's happening in the room as you have youth say this. Many of them are going to be smiling or smirking. Some may even yell out the word prior to everyone else or just be super loud. Others might be quiet or anxious, or maybe even shameful. And others might have experienced past abuse and this could make them feel unsafe. These are all valid feelings and worth mentioning as you continue moving forward in the conversation. Allowing for room to make them aware of these feelings and thoughts (their excitement and uncomfortableness) will be incredibly important. Talking about sex in a real and meaningful way is your reason for getting them to say this word, so demonstrate this with posture and willingness to really listen to what is shared over the course of this talk and throughout the entire series.*

When we say this word out loud something interesting happens; we all smile, giggle, and some may even laugh. Others may feel uncomfortable or awkward. Why is that? SEX is a topic that we are exposed to, in one way or another, each day. It is not easy to escape being exposed to sexually suggestive material. We hear about it (and maybe see it) often. Yet here we are, smiling and laughing, or feeling awkward. With this one word we know there is a lot that comes with it...both excitement and confusion. There can be joy and pain. There can also be great celebration or tremendous shame. You could feel incredibly safe speaking this word at church or very unsafe. Pay attention to yourself as we begin this conversation. These are all very real reactions and they are important to discuss as we move into this conversation.

**Activity:** *The following activity is meant to first be done in a small group and then discussed corporately. You should mark down everything said on a white board. If possible, use a different marker for each question. Once you're finished take a moment to look over everything that was said during this time. Discuss it with the group. Most likely many of the statements will be more about what not to do, or have a negative connotation. Only about 25% (if that) will be something that is positive. Be sure to make note of this before moving forward in your talk.*



**Individuals:**  
Think to yourself all the ways you've heard sex discussed up to this point. It might even include something you found online or a discussion you came across in a forum? How has it shaped the way you think about sex in your life? Do you wish you could talk more/less? Do you feel like you get honest answers surrounding sex?

**Question for Individuals:** *(this does not go on the white board and is only thought about or written down for personal reflection)*

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**Groups:**  
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How do your friends speak of sex?  
What do you think we will find in scripture when it comes to sex?

**Questions for Group:** *(this goes on the white board and is spoken with both the small group and larger group setting)*

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The word, sex, has so much attached to it. Excitement, joy, celebration, pain, hurt, fear, and shame. All of these could describe someone's experience with sex. So how we dive into this subject, discuss it, talk about it, will matter a great deal!

Let's start today with simply looking at where sex fits in to God's Grand Story and how it can impact our own identity.

This story is massive. But just like any great story you find this tale where something that was once good becomes awful because of a villain or catastrophe (and no sex is not the answer here, bear with me)! Only until someone or something rises up and changes the situation does it get any better. Even if this hero passes away they can leave such an impression that it makes everyone's life better. Movie after movie illustrates this - The Infinity Saga (Marvel movies), Star Wars, and Lord of the Rings are great examples of this!

Each of them are great because they borrow and imitate the greatest story of all time: The Grand Story that has been written into the very essence of who we are as human beings. All humans were created in the image of God and every person, no matter how far they've wandered from God, knows that something terrible is wrong with this world. We're frightened and we long for something or someone to rescue us and make things right again. We even dream of being heroes ourselves, rescuing others from injustice and evil.

This Grand Story reveals a plan better than any Hollywood movie. God, through Jesus Christ has a plan that includes a rescue and the opportunity to be a rescuer, to play a part in God's redemptive and restorative work in the world! And this is not just about managing behavior or being a "good person." This is about living a life that demonstrates the love and power of God that points us toward something much bigger than any Hollywood blockbuster!

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