

# DISCUSSION GUIDE July 2015 www.vcat.org

#### **RELATED SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:**

#### God's Forgiveness:

Isaiah 1:18; Daniel 9:9; Micah 7:18-19; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:13-14; 1 John 1:9

#### New Life in Christ:

Romans 6:4; Ephesians 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:17

#### Overcoming:

Psalm 27:1; Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 41:13; Matthew 19:26; Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 4:13; 1 Peter 5:7

### RELATED CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH REFERENCES:

Pornography: 2354; 2396

Forgiveness:

2862-2863

#### **RELATED YOUCAT REFERENCES:**

Pornography:

412; 460

Addiction:

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Human Dignity: 59; 280

God's Mercy:

226; 314; 337; 524

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#### **SYNOPSIS**

- **Part 1:** Five young men talk openly and frankly about pornography, its pervasiveness, its danger, its addictive nature and its beat-ability.
- **Part 2:** Five young women talk openly and frankly about pornography, its effects, its danger, and the fact that it's not just a guy thing.

#### SUGGESTED USES FOR THIS VIDEO

\* Use this film in single gender environments to best facilitate openness and receptivity to the topic. It will provide avenues for discussion and, hopefully, healing.

#### **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION**

- 1. How often would you say you see sexual content on TV?
- 2. Why do you think it's so frequent?
- 3. Jacob talks about that content being a step-ladder to more explicit things. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
- 4. How often does the topic of sex come up among your friends?
- 5. How often does the topic of pornography come up among your friends?
- 6. In each situation, how is the topic handled? What's the tone/sentiment?
- 7. How do you handle it?
- 8. How do you think God views pornography?
- 9. Why should it matter what God thinks?
- 10. Why is the use of pornography considered sinful? Who is a person sinning against when he/ she uses pornography?
- 11. What did God intend when he created sex? How did he intend it to be? What purpose did he intend it to serve?

- 12. How does pornography warp that?
- 13. A study<sup>†</sup> showed that men who use pornography are less attractive to potential female partners. What does this mean? Ladies, would you agree with this finding? Why or why not? Gentlemen, what do you think?
- 14. When Rachel talks about the stripping of a person's dignity, she doesn't just mean the person who's watching pornography. Who else does she talk about?
- 15. In reality, there are two parties who are objectified by pornography. Who do you think they are? (The viewer and the actors) Is there one particular party that you've never considered a "victim" of pornography? Which one? Why do you think that is?
- 16. Betsy says you are made for more. What does she mean?
- 17. Describe God's mercy.
- 18. Describe God's patience.
- 19. Describe God's forgiveness.
- 20. Describe God' love for us.
- 21. Is there ever a reason to doubt that God will forgive us? Love us?
- 22. How can this influence someone's decision to stop watching pornography?
- 23. How can we encourage each other to pursue holiness? Reject anything that will derail our pursuit of holiness?
- 24. How can we keep from judging someone who is viewing pornography? What might help us to be compassionate and supportive toward this person?
- 25. Why would we want to show compassion to this person?
- 26. What would you say to a friend who confided in you that they were addicted to pornography?
- † T. McGahan and A.J. Bridges, 2010



