

GIRL IN THE SONG

DISCUSSION GUIDE

1. NEGATIVE IMPRESSIONS THAT NO ONE SEES

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?"

– Genesis 3:1

Scenario:

When Chrissy was a little girl, tucked into the safety of her parents' home, she had an experience that made a profoundly negative impression upon her heart. Though harmless on the surface, a subtle lie snuck in, which Chrissy later realized was a door opening and the beginning of something taking root.

Questions:

- Can you identify your root experiences of believing a lie or of negative impressions?
- Do you remember when that first impression came into your soul?

2. DRINKING FROM THE WRONG FOUNTAIN

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

– John 4:13-14

Scenario:

Although Chrissy grew up in a great home and a great church environment, she secretly began to drink from the wrong wells.

Questions:

- Do you ever think about the spiritual waters that you're drinking from?
- What are similar things in our lives that lead us to seek satisfaction and acceptance from the wrong source?
- If you are taking in tainted water, what are some ways you can make yourself accountable to someone?
- What is an example of the right fountain from Chrissy's story? How have you experienced that?

3. HOW TO HANDLE DANGEROUS CURIOSITY

“The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so.”

– Romans 8:6-7

Scenario:

Curiosity played a huge role in Chrissy's slipping away from her family and from God. Curiosity is normal but some curiosity can become dangerous.

Questions:

- Are there things that you're curious about that you know have some risks involved?
- Can you think of any bible characters that let dangerous curiosity get the best of them?

4. CROSSING THE LINES

When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful.

– Proverbs 29:18

Scenario:

Eventually Chrissy came to the place where she set aside all the things she knew to be true and decided to willingly cross forbidden lines.

Questions:

- How did she get to the point that the difference between right and wrong no longer mattered?
- Do you ever feel like the same thing is happening to you? Explain.

5. THE MOMENTUM OF ADDICTION

“He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”

– John 8:44

Scenario:

Chrissy quickly discovered that sin can grow into an addiction. She started to feel like she was on a ride that she could no longer control.

Questions:

- Sometimes we can find ourselves riding on a roller-coaster of positive or negative momentum. How does this negative momentum start in our lives?
- What, if any, negative spiritual and emotional momentum is building inside of you?

6. LOOKS GOOD, TASTES GOOD, BUT MAKES YOU SICK

“Stolen bread tastes sweet, but it turns to gravel in the mouth.”

– Proverbs 20:17

Scenario:

Chrissy was constantly being told by her music and other influences that if she gave into sin, she would finally feel good inside, but the exact opposite happened.

Questions:

- Have you ever made a decision in your life despite knowing it would harm you?
- Why can sin seem so appealing?
- Even if it makes us sick, why do we run back to it?

7. LISTENING TO ALARMS THAT EVERYONE HEARS EXCEPT YOU

“I posted watchmen over you who said, 'Listen for the sound of the alarm.' But you replied, 'No! We won't pay attention!'”

– Jeremiah 6:17

Scenario:

The last wall of protection in Chrissy’s life was the godly people who started to warn her about her choices, but she refused to listen.

Questions:

- How well do you take advice that goes against what you want?
- Why is it hard to listen to those alarms in our lives at times?
- What are the potential consequences of not listening to those alarms?
- Do you ever believe the lie that all the Godly people around you are wrong and you are right?

8. ACCEPTING THE LIE THAT THERE’S NO TURNING BACK NOW

“...But where sin increased, God's grace increased much more.”

– Romans 5:20

“But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much.”

– Ephesians 2:4

Scenario:

The worst thing that ever happened to Chrissy was that she believed there was no way out of her sinful situation.

Questions:

- Have you ever felt like you were “too” far down the wrong path?
- Why do we feel like we’re in too deep and we can’t turn back?
- Have you ever believed there was a time when God had given up on you?
- What does the Bible say about God’s forgiveness?

9. RUNNING WILD WILL RUN YOU INTO A WALL

“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.”

– Romans 6:23

Whoever stubbornly refuses to accept criticism will suddenly be destroyed beyond recovery.

– Proverbs 29:1

Scenario:

Eventually the day arrived when Chrissy was out of tricks, out of friends, out of help and even the door of her own home was closed to her.

Questions:

- What are some ways that we can run wild in our life?
- What is a wall that you have hit as a result of running wild?

10. ONLY GOD CAN TAKE THE WORST THINGS AND TURN THEM INTO THE BEST THINGS

“That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, ‘No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.’”

– 1 Corinthians 2:9

Scenario:

One of the worst days of Chrissy's life was when she found out that she was pregnant. She felt like her life was over and there was no hope because of what she had done. Chrissy would have never imagined that one day her daughter would be a beautiful woman of God and one of her best friends.

Questions:

- Have you ever believed the lie that God is angry and doesn't want to help you?
- What would it look like in your life, if God took the “worst thing” and turned it into the “best thing”?

11. THERE IS A JOURNEY INTO A MESS AND THERE IS A JOURNEY OUT – THE ROAD IN AND THE ROAD OUT

So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up.

– Galatians 6:9

Scenario:

When Chrissy finally came home and started to serve God, there were many things that she had to start doing differently. She knew that a new life meant making completely new choices one day at a time.

Questions:

- Why does it seem that the journey into a mess is easier than the journey out?
- Describe a time that you found yourself in a mess, and had to begin the journey out. What was the first step?

12. GETTING RIGHT MEANS THAT YOU HONOR THOSE WHO YOU USED TO DISHONOR

“Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

– Romans 12:2

Scenario:

After lying to and tricking her parents and the Godly people around her, Chrissy realized that part of living her new life was honoring the people around her after dishonoring them for so long.

Questions:

- After dishonoring someone, what are some ways you can honor him or her?
- Why is this important, not only for them, but for your own journey?
- Are there people in your life that you find challenging to honor?
- How does honoring those you used to dishonor honor God?