

Large Group Handout - Between Your Ears What Do You Believe About Manhood?

3.17.21 Middle School

3.24.21 High School

Lesson Overview

What do you believe about *manhood*? What does it look like to be a Godly man? Ladies, what kind of guy should I look for in a future husband? Tonight, one of our leaders, Brian, will share what the Bible has to say about being a man.

Our culture defines *manhood* based on a guy's appearance, possessions, and performance. In contrast, the Bible defines *manhood* based on action - specifically serving and caring for those around him. This leads to the following 3 practical challenges:

1. Treat women with respect.
2. Build into other men.
3. Take it to the world.

Discussion Questions

GUYS: Take a look again at the difference between a *worldly man* and a *Godly man*.

- Which one have you been seeking after? Why? What has your experience been in seeking after this standard?
- In what ways can you relate to Brian's struggle to feel like a man? What ways have you felt you don't measure up?
- How do you feel you've been doing at serving and caring for those around you?
- How are you doing at treating the women in your life with respect?
 - Refer to **1 Timothy 5:1-2** to get a clearer picture of what that looks like.
 - Why can this be difficult? How can we do this more? Think of practical examples.
- How are you doing at building into other guys?
 - Do you have guys in your life that you are real with? Why is it so hard for guys to get vulnerable? How can we do this more as a group?
 - Do you allow Godly guys to hold you accountable? Why/Why not?
- How are you doing at taking it to the world?
 - Would someone at your school describe you as a Biblical man? Someone who serves and cares for those around him? How can you do better at this in your world?

GIRLS: Have each girl make a list of her ideal future husband. Take some time going around and sharing things they've put on their lists.

- Take a look again at the difference between a *worldly man* and a *Godly man*.
- Circle the things on your list that fit in the *Godly man* category.
 - Why should these qualities be more important than the others on your list?
- One of the qualities of a Godly man is treating women with respect.
 - What are some examples of times a guy has shown you respect?
 - What are some ways you as a girl can encourage and hold your Christian brothers in Christ accountable in these areas?