

Talking with Young People about Sex

While everyone else is talking about sex, the ones who have the most wisdom to give - parents, youth leaders, pastors and older friends - are often embarrassingly quiet. How should you talk with young people about sex? How do you start the conversation, and what do they most need to hear from you? How can your words about God's perspective make all the difference as they try to make sense of their sexuality in a very confused world? Drawing from over 30 years' experience in work with young people in Europe, Dave Patty will equip you to be ready for life-changing conversations.

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I. Three reasons you should be talking with youth people about sex

- A. Everyone else is (telling them a different view than God has)

- B. No one else is (telling them how God sees it)

- C. Your voice has more weight than you realize

II. Three things you must remember to say

- A. Sex is good and a gift from God

- B. Sex is powerful – and can deeply touch or deeply wound you

- C. Sex is precious – and can be easily damaged, stolen or destroyed

III. Three things young that will allow your voice to be heard

A. Relationship

B. Authenticity

C. Loving leadership