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ALCOHOL ONE-TO-ONE

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Below is a framework to use as you address the issue of alcohol with your disciples who are sincerely seeking God's will for their lives in an attempt to honor Him with their actions and thus produce good fruit. This is relevant for disciples both under and over 21 years of age. My hope is that they begin to develop their own convictions based on the word of God.

Objective

Student submits to God by submitting to the laws of the land and desiring to be above reproach.

1. Read Romans 13: 1-7

- Who do you identify as authorities in your life? (US government/local authorities/parents/etc...)
- Who established these authorities, according to vs 1? (God)
- Why did He put these authorities in place? (use for open discussion)
- What are the laws about drinking under 21 in the US? (no drinking)
- How does vs 2 describe going against the law? (Rebelling against God)
- What are the consequences of this if left unrepented? (Separation from God)
- Have you ever thought about underage drinking as rebellion against God? Why do you think it's described this way? What if it is only recreational, and not over indulgent? Is it still a sin if you are drinking underage but not getting drunk?
- How can you worship God or show love to him in this area?

2. Another angle that is important when it comes to alcohol is the reputation it has in college...
- What makes someone a spiritual leader? (Sharing the Gospel, influencing others for Christ, being filled with and constantly seeking the discernment of the Holy Spirit)
 - Read Philippians 2:15-“so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky.” What is the result of being blameless according to vs 15? (Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky)
 - Read I Timothy 3:2-“Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach.”
 - What is required of the spiritual leader in vs 2? What does “above reproach” mean? Why do you think it’s required for a spiritual leader?
 - Read Titus 1:7-“Since an overseer manages God’s household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain.”
 - What is required of a spiritual leader in vs 7?
 - Do you want to be (or continue to be) a spiritual leader? What would it cost for you to do that? Is it worth it to you?
 - If you are 21 or over, is it possible to drink responsibly and still be a spiritual leader?
 - What assumptions do your peers make if they see someone drinking?
 - Read II Corinthians 6:3-“We put no stumbling block in anyone’s path, so that our ministry will not be discredited.”
 - Could your drinking be a stumbling block for others in college? Who? How?
 - How is alcohol and the consumption thereof portrayed throughout the gospel?

- Read these two Articles: <https://tolander.wordpress.com/2014/09/08/why-we-drink> and <https://tolander.wordpress.com/2014/09/09/wheres-the-line>
- Read 1 Corinthians 10:31 - what would it look like to drink for the glory of God?
- What would it look like to be above reproach in the area of alcohol?
- Listen to “SMC on the Rocks” here: <https://soundcloud.com/studentmobilization/smc-on-the-rocks-stephen-billings>