

FIVE REASONS TO TALK ABOUT SEX IN CHURCH

LISTEN TO CHURCH MEMBERS

A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT: *"Don't ever stop offering Our Whole Lives at church. I took it when I was in junior high and I think it saved my life. Every kid should see themselves the way Our Whole Lives sees them."*

AN OUR WHOLE LIVES TEACHER: *"Sexuality is too important a subject for youth to be without a trustworthy source of accurate, reliable information. To be involved with these young people in one of the most important stages of their lives is an honor which is not taken lightly."*

A PARENT: *"The information presented in the Our Whole Lives program is straight, honest talk about respect and responsibility for one's self, friends and family. It provides answers to questions and offers many opportunities to digest and reflect on what it means to be a healthy teen. How wonderful that a caring church community can offer so much to our children. I am so thankful for my church!"*

AN ADULT: *"For the first time in my life I was in a safe yet open setting to explore issues of intimacy and sexuality. I found myself saddened that it took this long to find a safe group with whom to explore these very important, fundamental-to-the-human-experience topics."*

A PASTOR: *"Our Whole Lives is quickly becoming the best youth ministry in our church. Our youth group has tripled in size – and we have had new families join our church because of this program. All churches need to provide this ministry!"*

THE FIVE VALUES OF OUR WHOLE LIVES:

- SELF WORTH
- RESPONSIBILITY
- SEXUAL HEALTH
- JUSTICE
- INCLUSIVITY

BEFORE AND AFTER I TOOK OWL

I was tired...now I'm renewed

I was afraid...now I'm walking step by step to recover

I thought sexuality was just a behavior...now I know it is my LIFE

Low self esteem, I felt alone...Now I have a family who accepts me

I used to judge books by their covers...Now I read them all the way through

Thank you 7-9 Grade
Our Whole Lives class
from Colorado Springs,
Colorado!!