

# **CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE©**

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## INTRODUCTION: A LETTER TO MEN'S GROUP LEADERS

*Celebrate the Jubilee* is a tool for Christians to address the issues of pornography and other issues of integrity that destroy lives, families and relationships.

The format of this discussion material may be different than anything you have seen before. It is designed to help your small group to overcome some of the hurdles men's groups often have when trying to generate honest, personal discussions.

In many men's group situations, specifically with regard to the subject of sexual sin, there may be a hesitancy to open up to a deep level of love and understanding with one another. Anxiety and fear are often the hurdles which keep men from giving and receiving honest and helpful feedback. However, *Celebrate the Jubilee* is designed to offer a real opportunity to break through the anxiety and fear—to break the chains of secrecy, and provide an atmosphere of compassion, freedom and honesty.

The format of *Celebrate the Jubilee* is a script. The character parts in this script are meant to be read aloud during your time together as a group. The script follows the story of six characters who are meeting regularly as a men's group. In a series of six meetings these men begin to open up and talk about their integrity. After you read through the script each week there are discussion questions for your group to talk through.

If you aren't accustomed to this format, that's okay. Try this format as an experiment for your group: it can be a fun, creative way to take your group to the next level of vulnerability.

- One reason men often don't open up to other men is because they have never been *shown* what vulnerability looks like in a small group setting. This format allows the men in your group to *see it happen* in the script first, and then practice the same openness in their own group.
- Integrity is an issue that should be important to all followers of Jesus. The heart of integrity is “who you are when no one is looking.” As this script is read aloud, your group will hear the men in the story begin to open up about the secret areas of their lives. This is meant to provide your group with a format which will empower men to open their hearts and minds to matters of integrity.
- Pornography is a secret sin that is affecting far too many men in the church today. As members of your group read this script, they will watch as this secret sin is exposed and confessed in the story. The script will effectively “open the can of worms,” as it were, for you and your group as you read the parts aloud.
- Ultimately, through follow-up discussions your group will identify and interact with the action and dialogue of the story. The resolution to *Celebrate the Jubilee* becomes clear as your group interacts with it: God's redemptive power is far greater than the bondage of anxiety and fear.

On the next page are six brief character sketches of the men featured in the story. Before introducing this script to your group, have someone read these character biographies aloud to the whole group, allowing your group to get a feel for each of the characters. Then ask for volunteers in your group to be the readers for each part. Have fun with selecting your readers.

The material in these lessons consists of six chapters to be used sequentially. They may be downloaded separately when needed or all together.

We hope you enjoy *Celebrate the Jubilee*, and we hope the members of your small group experience the liberation that comes from a life of integrity.

Blessings,  
*Celebrate the Jubilee* Team  
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### ~ MEET THE CAST ~

Have someone in your group read these character sketches aloud. As you listen to them and read along, keep in mind which character part, if any, you would like to read.



**ROGER**

- Age:** Early 70s
- Church status:** Church leader, heavily involved, attends every time the door is open
- Marriage and Family:** Married to Elizabeth for 40 years; one daughter, named Susan.
- Christianity:** Roger has been a Christian since he was 16 years old.
- First Exposure to Porn:** Limited exposure to conventional pornography during his childhood; some exposure in college.
- Career Interest:** Middle level purchasing manager in a large retail firm.
- Internet:** Started using the Internet just two years before so he could use email.
- Internet Usage:** At first he used just minutes a day but Internet usage is growing as he began to explore different functions.



**JEREMY**

- Age:** Mid 30s
- Church status:** Attended church all his life, some level of involvement in regular activities like Sunday services and men's meetings. Has avoided leadership responsibilities.
- Marriage and Family:** Married to Kate; two children: age 10 (daughter) and 12 (son—Little Jeremy)

**Christianity:** Has attended church all his life and made a profession of Christianity when he was a child.

**First Exposure to Porn:** 12 years old, saw “girlie” magazine at uncle’s house

**Career Interest:** Middle level purchasing manager in a large retail firm.

**Internet:** Has used the Internet for many years.

**Internet Usage:** Like most of his generation he spends a great deal of time online. Makes Internet purchases, downloads music and checks email.



**GEORGE**

**Age:** Mid-60s.

**Church status:** Has been a member of the church for over 30 years and has been heavily involved as a church leader for the past 8 years.

**Marriage and Family:** Married to Rachel for 45 years. Involved in adultery 15 years before but marriage survived after much counseling and sadness. Two adult children.

**Christianity:** Became a Christian when he was in the military.

**First Exposure to Porn:** Exposed to “pin up posters” when he was in the military but did not pursue pornography on his own.

**Career Interest:** Retired after 35 years of professional accounting practice

**Internet:** Got his first computer one year before. Knows little more than turning it on and off and checking emails.

**Internet Usage:** Mainly checking for email messages from his two adult children.



**PHIL**

**Age:** 48 years old

**Church status:** Attended several churches over past 40 years. Has attended current church only one

**Marriage and Family:** year. Church he was involved in before split over a divisive issue in the congregation. Five children aged 5 to 19. He has been married to Jan for 15 years. Previously married. Phil took custody of children from previous marriage.

**Christianity:** Even though he attended church for a long time, only came to a real understanding of Christianity in the last three years. Both he and Jan became Christians during special evangelistic meetings in the community.

**Career Interest:** Has worked in a computer-related field for 20 years as a computer programmer.

**First Exposure to Porn:** Some moderate exposure when he was a child—"girlie magazines" at the barbershop.

**Internet:** High level of computer and Internet expertise. Uses it for business, personal and recreational purposes.

**Internet Usage:** Spends hours a day online at his job. Also spends considerable time recreationally after hours.



**KEN**

**Age:** 55 years old

**Church status:** Heavily involved in the church. Teaches an adult Sunday School class.

**Marriage and Family:** Been married 25 years to Beverly. They have three children. Daughter Julie is married to Jeff. Julie is pregnant with their second child.

**Christianity:** Attended church from childhood. Made profession of Christianity in Sunday School as a young man.

**Career Interest:** Tool and die maker in a local factory where he has worked since graduating from high school.

**First Exposure to Porn:** Always turned his eyes away, even as a teen. Crusades against anyone who indulges in even "soft core porn"—such as movies, television, billboards. Tends to be judgmental of those who struggle with sin issues.

**Internet:** Never has had it, doesn't even own a computer.

**Internet Usage:** None.



## JOHN

- Age:** 22 years old
- Church status:** In and out. Attended church sporadically with his parents as a child. Men's group is his main church activity. Is especially committed when things are going wrong in his personal life.
- Marriage and Family:** Single. Has been sexually active with several girls since high school. He has no one in his life right now.
- Christianity:** Professes to have become a Christian after attending a short-term missionary trip with the youth group during his senior year in high school.
- Career Interest:** Works for a construction company.
- First Exposure to Porn:** So many exposures since childhood he cannot remember the first. Normally John is transparent about his sin struggles, but because he has been so desensitized to pornography and sensuality he does not see the problems in his own life.
- Internet:** Learned to use the Internet in school. No interest in the technical aspects of the Internet.
- Internet Usage:** Uses it especially for video gaming and music downloads.

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