

Alcohol + sex = ???

Read the following story to your students.

I've had friends who used alcohol as an excuse to go farther than they said they would. Others were taken where nobody wants to go because they were drunk.

"I had too much to drink," they say. "I'm not sure how it happened."

I've even heard friends say, "I'm not sure what happened. I hope I didn't do anything bad."

One friend was raped by several boys at a party while she was under the influence. She woke up the next morning sore and hung over. When she realized what had gone on the night before, she freaked out and spent several days in a psychiatric hospital. It's been hard for her to come back from that experience.

Another friend was raped when she lost at Quarters, a drinking game that involves flipping coins into shot glasses—the loser of each round drinks the shot. Her friend, who invited the boys to her house after school, managed to fight off the boy who attempted to rape her. But my friend was too far gone to fight the boy who climbed on top of her. The girls were so ashamed and afraid of getting in trouble with their parents that they never told anybody. Well, that's not quite true—my friend told me about this incident while in the hospital after narrowly surviving a suicide. This most serious attempt on her life came after several years of bulimia and sexual craziness. It was another half decade before she started to live a normal life, more or less.

Sometimes I wonder what it is that makes some people prefer to not know—or not seem to know—what they're doing sexually. And what is it about alcohol that can put people in a position where they can't defend themselves?

- Q: Does this story sound familiar? How so?
- Q: What do you think is going on with males or females who drink so they have more nerve to get into sexual activity?
- Q: Have you ever seen that work out well for anyone?
- Q: What opinions have you formed about guys who drug girls with alcohol or other substances in order to rape them?
- Q: Do you think those boys believe it's rape? Talk about that.
- Q: Do you believe it's rape?
 - Yes because...
 - No because...

Read Romans 13:9-14 with your students.

- Q: How do you think this passage applies to the "I was drunk" excuse?
- Q: How do you think this passage applies to a guy who uses alcohol or another drug to set up a girl?

If your students are using *What (Almost) Nobody Will Tell You about Sex*, you can direct them to *I Was Drunk* (page 81).