

What If ??????????

Someone in your group pulls you aside and tells you that their 17 yr. old daughter has been really pulling away from them, and growing more and more sullen. She's been getting in trouble at school, and she's found evidence in her room that she might be sexually active (there was a condom in her purse – but she says she was only keeping it for a friend). She won't hardly talk to them, but she cries herself to sleep at night many times. She has also told a friend's mother that she's thought about taking a whole bottle of Tylenol and never waking up.

You have 5 minutes to decide how you should proceed and you *must* have at least one verse to motivate / guide your decision.

- How would you give them hope?
- What is their responsibility before God? What should they do? How much should they pry into their daughter's personal life? How much should they interfere with who she is seeing and where she is going?
- What kind of questions should they ask her? Where should they probe in her life? What should they think about her sullen and weepy condition? What are some of the possible causes of her sullen attitude – and her long bouts of crying?
- How can they encourage their daughter?