



## CONVERSATION GUIDE

# Let's talk about ... **Sex Outside of Marriage**

This guide is intended for participants in a conversation on Sex Outside of Marriage. The questions aim to help the conversation flow. Your group facilitator may decide to omit some questions. The goal is not to give 'correct' answers but rather to have a genuine conversation, being open to the Holy Spirit's leading.

### STEP ONE **What is the Issue?**

- In our community, how do we define 'having sex'?
- What do people in our community think about 'sex outside of marriage'?

### STEP TWO **Describe and Analyse**

- Why do people have sex outside of marriage?
- What are some of the consequences of having sex outside of marriage?
- How does a faithful spouse feel if their spouse is unfaithful with another person?
- What is the impact on the life and witness of the corps (church) if members are having sex outside of marriage?

### STEP THREE **Reflect and Evaluate**

- Read Proverbs 6:20-35. What do these verses say to you?
- Read 1 Corinthians 7:1-5. What do these verses say to you?
- Is there a positive message about marriage in the Bible? What is it?
- Do healthy Christian marriages have any common characteristics? Make a list.

### STEP FOUR **Decide and Plan – How Then Shall We Live?**

- How should Salvation Army corps respond to people who have sex before marriage? Is there any difference in the way a corps should respond to older people who have sex before they marry than to younger people?
- What are we doing in our corps to encourage and model healthy marriages? Look at the list of characteristics made in Step Three. How can we do better?
- How can we provide appropriate pastoral care to people who have sex outside of marriage?

### ***We will appreciate your feedback!***

All participants are encouraged to complete an online form using the link

<https://sar.my/ihqletstalk>

All responses will be anonymous. You will only be asked to indicate your age range and your country of residence. Your comments will help other Salvationists around the world as we all listen, learn, discuss and discern together.

