

# Hot Topics

# LEADER GUIDE

# twilight

**Note to Leaders:** *If you haven't heard about the Twilight books, you might want to check them out. The series of four books have been read by countless teenage girls and each book is now being made into a movie with the second due to release in November 2009. If you'd like more information about the Twilight books before leading this discussion, contact [tgm@ag.org](mailto:tgm@ag.org). This discussion has the potential to get pretty heated. Fans of the books tend to be pretty intense. Remind the girls to be Christ-like in their comments and to think before they share.*

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These days, it seems like it's pretty hard to turn on the TV, surf the Internet, or talk with friends without hearing about the *Twilight* saga. The first *Twilight* movie made \$70.5 million in its first weekend and over \$375 million overall. The books have sold more than 25 million copies worldwide. However, a story about vampires and ware wolves seems like it could be a little dark. As Christians, how should we respond to the *Twilight* phenomenon?

- Have you read the *Twilight* books? Did you enjoy them? What did you like most about the books? If you haven't read the books, why did you choose not to read them?
- Are there any themes in the *Twilight* books that you relate to? What are they? Why do you think you relate?
- Do you think the relationships in the *Twilight* books are healthy? Why or why not?

"A thing may be morally neutral and yet the desire for that thing may be dangerous." -C.S. Lewis

- What do you think this quote means?
- How do you think this applies to the *Twilight* phenomenon?
- Have you noticed any of your friends or girls at school becoming obsessed with *Twilight*? Do you think the desire is dangerous? How do you think it affects their relationship with the God?

## Read Colossians 3:5 and 1 Thessalonians 4:2-7

- How do you think these verses apply to the *Twilight* series?
- As Christians, do you think it's OK to read the *Twilight* books? Why or why not?
- Have you noticed any of the things mentioned in Colossians 3:5 coming up in conversations with other girls about *Twilight*?
- Do you think *Twilight* can become an idol? How?

"For many girls, romance novels are huge idol food. They feed their appetite for the perfect man and cause them to covet the dreamy guy in the pages of the book... Romance novels feed your appetite for romance. And while romance is wonderful and exciting, it can become a very evil taskmaster, making you feel awful because you don't have it." – Hayley DiMarco, *Idol Girls*

- Have you or someone you know gotten really wrapped up in the romance of the *Twilight* books? What does it mean to "covet" something? Is that a sin?
- Have you ever felt awful because you don't have romance in your life? Why do you think you felt that way? What can you do to start feeling better?

For more information see:

*Idol Girls: What's Your Obsession* by Hayley DiMarco.