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PRAYER
REVIEW Behavioral Covenant (handout)

FIRST READING: Leviticus 18:1-30

STEP 1: Read the context bullet-points together.

STEP 2: Read the Bible passage out loud together.

STEP 3: Discuss each of the following questions together:

- What is the author trying to tell us in this chapter?

- In what ways are these laws a guidebook to your life today?

- How do we regulate these types of behaviors today?

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-32

STEP 1: Read the context bullet-points together.

STEP 2: Read the Bible passage out loud together.

STEP 3: Discuss the following questions together:

- What message is the author delivering to his readers?

- What are some of the ways the author says people are tempted away from God?

- What are some things that seem to tempt humankind away from God today?

Next Time (Session 2)….
    1 Corinthians 6:1-20
    1 Timothy 1:1-20

A Behavioral Covenant for Group Conversations and Forums

Behavioral Covenants* have been very important aids to individuals, institutions and congregations engaged in sensitive discussions. The Open and Affirming Committee encourages use of this covenant during ONA programming.

Covenant

Our purpose is to promote understanding.
We will treat each other with caring and respect, as God's beloved children.
We will take time for prayer.
We will speak in the first person "I", and from our own experience.
We will speak one at a time.
We will listen for understanding, especially when we seem to disagree.
We will speak and seek the truth in love.
We will allow each other equal "air time."
We will ask questions for clarification, not for judgment.

*Source (with modifications): http://www.ctucc.org/resources/behavioralcovenant-sbs0304.html

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