



What does the Bible say about... Video Games



START

1. MYTH-BUSTING

Myth 1: _____

Myth 4: _____

Myth 2: _____

Myth 5: _____

Myth 3: _____

2. GLORY HUNTING

Reflection Questions

1. Where do you see *Ruling, Relationship and Reward* in the games you play regularly?
(Genesis 1:27-28)
2. Which do you find the biggest motivator for playing games? What do you enjoy about it so much? What does that reflect about how God made you?
3. When have you felt frustrated because a game was going badly? How did you react?
When have you been achieved something in a game but felt empty afterwards?
4. What more has God created and saved you for?

Headings taken from A Student's' Guide to Gaming - Reagan Rose

3. DECISION MAKING

Gamers

What are your answers to the questions about *content, time, self control and being known*?
Who is going to ask you these questions on a regular basis?

Those Discipling/Parenting Gamers

How can you better understand their games and habits? How can you participate with them (eg. playing or taking an interest)? How will you come to an agreement with them about which questions to ask them on a regular basis?

Group Discussion Questions

1. What was the last video game that you played? Where do you come across video games in your everyday life?
2. If you play video games, discuss your answers to the Reflection Questions. If you don't play video games, how do those questions apply to your hobbies?
3. What about Jesus being the *true world builder* (John 1:3), *true hero* (Col 2:13-15) and *true quest giver* (Gal 2:20) makes you want to praise him? Why not take a few minutes now or at the end of the group time to pray prayers of praise.
4. Where do we find it easy to fall into "easy mode" in our following of Jesus or in our discipleship of others? Pray together for God's help in these areas of our lives.

Topics we couldn't cover but that are worth talking about

In-game chat - In-game chat is the ability to talk to people that we know as well as people we've never met. Are our in-game conversations loving and safe? Have we experienced bullying?

Watching streamers and gaming clips - There are endless streams and clips to watch. Can we be thankful to God for them or is the content unhelpful? Are we time-wasting or resting?

Money - Games, consoles, micro-transactions can soon cost us a lot of money. What do our gaming spending habits tell us about what we love most, God or gaming? What parental settings or accountability might be needed?

Difficult themes - Video games, like movies and books tell a story, it is good for us to ask how it fits with God's story in His Word. Games can be a good opportunity to open up conversations about hot topics and difficult themes.

Useful Resources:

"I want to think a little bit more about this"



A Student's Guide to gaming
- Reagan Rose
Concise and not just for students.

"I want to think to dig much deeper into this"



Of Games & God - Kevin Schut
Slightly dated and for an American audience, but excellent.

"I want guidance to help an under 18 form healthy gaming habits"



Taming Gaming - Andy Robertson
A Christian author but written for any household. Superb!

Also try

www.taminggaming.com



