



It's Complicated-Week 1

Whatever your relationship status - whether you're in one, had one, or want one – they're complicated. But it's always worth the work to do relationships well.

Conversation Starter: *Have some fun as you break the ice.*

- Do you have any Valentine's Day traditions?
- Share your most awkward date experience.

Key Scriptures: *Let God's word frame the conversation. Take a minute to read these selected passages together as a Group.*

- Read Genesis 29:18-30, Isaiah 41:10, Psalms 23:1-6

Discussion Questions: *Pick a few of the questions below to guide your time.*

Starting Sharing: *Choose a question or two to create openness.*

- Share one takeaway from David and Blake's story. What inspired you and gave you hope?
- In your opinions, what makes relationships so complicated?
- How were you surprised to find such complicated relationships in the Bible?

Start Thinking: *Choose a question or two to think critically about the subject.*

- How could seeking God first save us from created or getting tangled in messy relationships?
- Why are we reluctant to turn to God when things are messy in our lives?
- Respond to the statement "no person will ever be enough – only God is enough". What makes this difficult to truly accept?

Make it Personal: *Choose a question or two to help you identify your best next step.*

- Why is it hard to believe Jesus will never reject us?
- If you could uncomplicate a relationship, which one would that be?
- What does it look like to seek God first this week to help you win relationally?

Next Steps: *Everybody has a next step. Check out some ideas below to help you grow by doing.*

- **Seek God First-** Make God your first priority by spending time with Him. Our relationships can only win when He gets first place above our spouse, kids, friendships or dating relationships.
- **Be Straightforward-** The best way to keep relationships simple is to be honest and set the games aside. Communicate truth and grace and don't worry about image-management. Seek what is best for the other person by loving them out of the love you have received.
- **Check out the Valentines Day Toolkit-** From Bible-studies to date night guides to playlists use these resources to help you make the most of your relationship with God and others. [Click here](#) to access the toolkit!

Prayer: *Invite God to do what only He can do!*

God, thank you for your relentless love. Please help us seek you first before we do what is right in our own eyes. May we find our worth and contentment from you so that we can love others freely, not looking to them to satisfy what only you can fulfill. Amen.