



It's Complicated-Week 3

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.*

- What is something that takes a lot of work but you find enjoyable?
- Share your most smooth pickup line.

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

- Read Proverbs 18:13, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Ecclesiastes 9:9, 1 John 4:19

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

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

- What is a way you enjoy receiving love? How do you like to show your love to others?
- Share some practical ways we can eliminate distractions to be more attentive in our relationships.
- If you're married, how has your pursuit of one another changed over the years? If you are single, what are some ways you have blown off friendships in your quest for other relationships, careers, etc.?

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

- What makes falling in love more challenging than staying in love? How has our culture sold us on the idea that love should be comfortable rather than hard work?
- How can a renewed attitude renew a relationship?
- Respond to the statement: "You will never build a great marriage if divorce is always an option."

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

- How can focusing on giving love vs. receiving love change the climate in your relationships?
- Which of the seven habits does your relationship need most this moment? What are some next steps you can take to turn these good intentions into the right actions?

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

- **Seek God First-** Make God your 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.
- **Do the Work-** Every great relationship is the result of consistent and intentional investment over time. There are no shortcuts to great relationships! Why not take your group through the Better Love Content?

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

God, thank you for empowering us to love others. Please help us be intentional in our relationships and work hard to love others, especially our spouses, with unconditional love. Please give us the desire to pursue our partners as you have sought us. Amen.