



It's Complicated-Week 4

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.*

- Who was your very first date and where did you go?
- Describe your ideal date itinerary.

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

- Read I Corinthians 10:31, 15:33

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

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

- Do/did you love or hate dating? Why?
- How has dating changed since you started dating?
- Do/did you treat dating casually or more intensely?

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

- If God's glory was your default filter, what regrets would you avoid in your relationships?
- Why should dating be treated as preparation for future relationships?
- How do the three dating questions help give focus to your dating experience?

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

- If you are already married, which of the three dating filters do you wish you gave greater weight when you were single?
- What kind of story is your life telling right now? If you were to write some edits, what would they be and why?
- Share a piece of dating advice you would share with someone to help them be more successful.

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.
- **Become the One-** Rather than hunting for a person with the right qualities, focus on building your character so that you will naturally recognize and attract people who share your values and beliefs.
- **Date Differently-** If you don't want a dating relationship like most relationships out there, don't date like the majority of daters. Buck the trend by applying wisdom and holding high standards.

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

God, please help us seek to honor you in every relationship of our lives. Please help us to treat others the way you want us to, loving them in a way that leaves no regrets or baggage because they are loved and cherished by you. Allow us to apply wisdom in all situations to write a story that is worth telling and ultimately points to you! Thank you for the grace and forgiveness when we fall short. Amen.