



## It's Complicated-Week 2

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 the most impulsive thing you've ever purchased at the grocery store?
- Would you rather go to a movie or dinner alone- and why?

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

- Read Ruth 1:6-18, 2:5-12, Colossians 2:8-10

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

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

- Ruth experienced the loss of a dream when her husband passed away. Have you or someone you have known ever positively responded to broken dreams?
- Why is it more important to focus on becoming someone vs. finding someone?
- What are some practical ways we can keep our feelings from clouding the facts about true fulfillment?

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

- Why is it dangerous to continually hunt for a relationship or find value from another person?
- What are some ways we try to appear attractive to people in our lives? Does our culture focus more on external appearances or internal values? How so?
- We all want a greater purpose for our lives. What are some ways we can find and pursue a grander God-given vision for our lives?

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

- What character traits do you admire in others that you need personally pursue?
- How have you been short-selling God's purpose for your life?
- What can you do beginning today to prepare yourself to be successful 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.
- **Focus on Becoming vs. Finding-** God has a purpose for your life. Work hard at becoming all that he has created you to be, and you will never be lonely or unfulfilled.
- **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 the reminder that our worth and fulfillment come from you and you alone. Please help us not look outside of our relationship with you for our worth or satisfaction. Jesus, reveal to each of us our unique purpose in helping carry out your mission and allow us to focus on that good work. May we be people who are committed to developing our character so that we can point others to you!