

RELATIONSHIP SERIES

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This discussion guide is meant to provide group leaders with a framework to lead a gospel-centered discussion based off the T.O.D. Talk in the first week. This should be used to guide conversation and push the students closer to the Scriptures.

Week 2 OVERVIEW

Series Summary: We are created to be in relation with the people around us. Whether or not they follow Jesus we must learn how to navigate those relationships. Dating relationships especially, can get confusing and unclear in our culture today. As a follower of Jesus, we must unpack what it looks like to have healthy relationships that honor Jesus. In the first week of our dating conversation, we talked about the purpose behind dating. This week, we are going to be talking about what prioritizing Jesus in our relationships looks like.

Main Idea: When you enter a dating relationship or are even considering dating, it is important to not be disillusioned by ‘the right person’ theory. Everybody asks the question, “how do I know if they are the right person for me to date or pursue?” If you date with the mindset of finding the right person, your relationship will fail. As Andy Stanley put it, “You don’t need to *find* the right person. You need to *become* the right person.”

Key Scripture 1 Cor. 13:4-5, Romans 12:1-2, 1 Timothy 5:1-2,

DISCUSSION

Getting Started (questions adapted from Andy Stanley’s *Love, Sex, and Dating* discussion guide)

- List the qualities of a person you are currently dating (or would like to date).
- List the qualities of the person you’d like to marry.
- Are the qualities in the two lists the same? If not, why not?

Digging Deeper

- Read 1 Cor. 13:4-5. Which of those qualities are most difficult for you to exhibit? Which quality do you value most in the people you date? Why?
- Consider the person you would like to marry. What kind of guy or girl do you think *that* person is looking for?
- Are you spending more time looking for the right person or becoming the right person? Explain.
- What’s one step you can take to start becoming the right person?