



Dating and Purity

Welcome: Open in Prayer

Take a minute to pray for the person to your right and your left. Be specific in asking them for relationship needs (parents, siblings, teammates, friends, co-workers)

Warm - Up: Talking Stick (p. 1411 God's Game Plan Bible)

Work Out:

Dating

(Divide the Huddle into smaller groups, facilitated by student leaders. The questions can be asked by one leader from the front or by each individual leader of each small group)

If you could go anywhere on a first date, where would you go? Why?

What are some good reasons for people to date? possible answers might include: to have fun, to develop social skills, to enjoy spending time with another person, to learn more about yourself, to grow in Christ through fellowship with another believer, ultimately to find the husband or wife God has chosen for you.

What are some bad reasons for people to date? possible answers might include: to impress the date or other people, to make others jealous, to build up your ego, to get the other person to meet your needs, just because there is a physical attraction.

As Christians, what are the qualities that we should look for in someone that we are going to date? What negative qualities should we guard against? What is God's standard for us?

Do not be misled: Bad company corrupts good character 1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? 2 Corinthians 6:14

Purity

How can a Christian walk in purity when temptation seems to be around every corner? First we must remember that God created sex to be a beautiful expression of love between a man and a woman who are joined in marriage. God is clear that anything else is sin. As Christians, we need to honor God through our lives, in our bodies, hearts and minds, in our relationships, in our words and through our actions.

“Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life.” Proverbs 4:23

“Flee from sexual immorality! Every sin a person can commit is outside the body, but the person who is sexually immoral sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own, you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your body.” 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

“It is Gods will that you should be sanctified (set apart to Him)’ that you should avoid sexual immorality: that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen who do not know God, and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you.” 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6

"But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart." Matthew 5:28

“Can a man scoop fire into his lap without his clothes being burned?” Proverbs 6:27

“So, if you thing you are standing firm, be careful that you don’t fall!” 1 Corinthians 10:12

How can we make sure that we are honoring Christ in our dating relationships?

What are some practical ways that we can avoid getting into compromising situations where we might be tempted?

Is God willing to forgive us if we have messed up? Absolutely!! Confess your sin to Him, ask for forgiveness, receive His forgiveness, forgive yourself, begin living for Him in purity and victory today and every day!

Wrap Up:

As we close in prayer, dedicate yourself to allowing God to guide you in establishing relationships that are HEALTHY for You and glorifying to Him!

Note: Be sure to provide students with the opportunity to make a decision to commit their lives to Christ