

Youth Discussion Guide

For the week of June 9 - 15, 2019

Main Thought and Passages:

Dating is complicated. It is often a source of much happiness, but at the same time, a source for much pain and emotional hurt. Though the Bible doesn't list dating as a sin (in fact, it is not mentioned in the Bible at all), it is clear that we should honor God in all of our relationships. Problems arise when we do not honor God. There are three things that we should be sure of before we start dating: (1) knowing who we are or understanding that those in Christ are God's children, (2) knowing where we are going or knowing what our God-given calling is, and (3) knowing who God is. When we grow in knowledge of our loving Father alongside our purpose and identity, we can honor God no matter the circumstances.

Main Scriptures:

"Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God..." (John 1:12 NIV)

"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will." (Romans 12:2 NIV)

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8 NIV)

Discussion Questions:

- The world and the Bible have two very different ideas of what dating should look like. How do you think the world (social media, peer pressure, TV and movies) says we should date?
- What do you think it means to be a "child of God?" How should that influence the way we live our lives?
- For those who are dating, how can you adjust your relationship to put God first? For those who are not, how can you honor God as a single person?

Prayer:

- Pray that we would understand our God-given identity.
- Pray for purity.
- Pray that we would honor God in all our relationships.