

# RELATIONSHIPS: DATING & MARRIAGE

What is the most embarrassing thing that has ever happened on a date? What's the most embarrassing thing that could possibly happen?

What are some pros/cons of dating now? What are pros/cons of waiting until after high school?

## **MATTHEW 5:27-30, 1 CORINTHIANS 6:18**

What are Jesus' standards for purity? How should these standards change the way we date?

Does dating make it harder for us to "flee from sexual immorality"? Why or why not?

### **If the purpose of dating is to find a future spouse:**

What sorts of things should be "non-negotiable" characteristics in a husband/wife or boyfriend/girlfriend? Why?

What would be some good examples of some physical, emotional, and spiritual boundaries in dating?

Why is it sometimes hard for people to be honest with others about what goes on with their boyfriends/girlfriends? Why is honesty with others important?

Off the top of your head, what does the Bible teach us about marriage?

How is the Bible's view of marriage different from our culture's view of it?

## **EPHESIANS 5:22-27**

What does this passage say about the marriage relationship? How does marriage relate to God according to these verses?

How does Christ's love for the Church model the way love should look in marriage? What are some ways that he acted/responded?

Why do you think God designed for deep emotional intimacy, sex, and raising children to happen only within a marriage covenant relationship?

On the drive home, ask your parents these 2 questions:

1. What was it about mom/dad that made you want to date/marry them?
2. What have you learned about God's love through your marriage?