



I know that last week we talked about some of the “stuff” in your heart that could hinder you from building healthy relationships.

We also talked about how important friendships are and why we need people in our lives.

I encourage you if you that if you have some “stuff” in your heart that needs to be dealt with, that you deal with it. Forgiveness is so important for all you future relationships whether it be friendship or romantic relationships.

Don't let forgiveness scare you – let it set you free!

We also need to have support from trusted friends that keep us accountable and encourage us but we also need them because quite honestly, they are fun and we need to laugh!

## **Tonight we are going to look at Attraction!**

### **OLD TESTAMENT – THREE SECTIONS:**

**Historical** Section – Genesis - Nehemiah

**Prophetic** Section - Isaiah - Malachi

In between those, there is what they call the **Poetic** Section

**PSALMS** - God in worship

**PROVERBS** - Relationships among People/Manage your Money

**JOB** - How does a good God allow evil and yet be a Sovereign God

**ECCLESIASTES** - Mystery of Life –

And then you have a book called the **SONG OF SOLOMON**

**ROMANCE**

**PASSION**

**SEX**

Song of Solomon 1: 1-8

Attraction

This is a book of 8 chapters taking a couple and giving you 7 snap shots of their life.

**Attraction**

**Dating**

**Courtship**

**Marriage**

**What are some things that attract you to a person?**

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**What kind of person do you want?**

Check out Jane's LIST and Brian's partial LIST at [www.christiansinglesindenver.com](http://www.christiansinglesindenver.com),

**Abraham sends his servant to find a wife for his son Isaac**

**Gen: 24: 1-9**

**A name was important in the Old Testament - A Man's name meant his**

**Character**

**Integrity**

**Virtue**

**Holiness**

**Honesty**

**Love**

**Morality**

**Temperance**

**Flexibility**

**Good Listener**

You have to be able to **TRUST** Him/Her!  
You can't find true character when you base everything on attraction.

**Lonely being single is hard but to be  
Lonely in a bad marriage and have no hope is worse!**

Run as fast as you can for Jesus Christ and you look to your right and look to your left and see who's running the same speed. After a while, if they are keeping up with you, say come on over and lets run together for a while – then you'll see what God is doing.

## CHARACTER

Do they follow through with their word?

Do they suit up and show up?

If you have been married before, they have been married before, how do they respond to their ex?

How do they parent? Some tough questions need to be answered prior to getting into the relationship.

## Q & A

### Table Discussion Questions for this week:

1. What are some of the things that attract you to someone?
2. What did you find helpful tonight?
3. What challenged you tonight?
4. Do you feel that two people need to be equally yoked in order to have a lasting relationship?
5. Were you surprised to find there was a list in the Old Testament to find a mate for Abrahams Son Isaac? Had you ever thought about that before?
6. How did you like the Q & A time tonight?



### HELPFUL TIPS for Great Table Discussions Each table should have a designated Table Host.

#### 1. Use God's ear-to-mouth ratio:

Listen two times more than you speak. 1 or 2 people should not dominate the time, and EVERYONE should contribute during the discussion.

#### 2. Smile and be friendly.

Avoid excessive complaining about people or personal problems.

#### 3. God's grace rules the day

Recognize that everyone will not always agree – be gracious and give grace to one another. People are at different places in their spiritual walk and in their life journey.

#### 4. Moving the discussion along.

Table host/facilitators are to move the discussion along. They have permission to limit any negative comments, to invite people to answer a question, to ask someone for their perspective, to limit the amount of time some people speak, and to move on to the next question.

#### 5. Help for the hurting:

This is a supportive group, but it is not a support group or a therapy session. But if someone is really hurting, take a moment and have someone in the group specifically pray for them.