

Single & Single-Again TUES NITES Meal, Message & Mixer

Dating 101

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**In the Bible, there are some very clear and some very important principles,
if we want to receive God's best for our lives.**

Proverbs 3:5-7 *5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.*

We tend to want to force a relationship instead of waiting on God.

How do we learn to trust God in this area of dating?

1. Date. Who cares about a mate?
2. Never date unless you plan to mate.
3. Date to discover your mate.

II Corinthians 2: 9 *"Our goal is to stay within the boundaries of God's plan for us."*

It's when we stay within God's boundaries, when we stay within God's will and His plan for our dating life, that we receive the maximum enjoyment and maximum blessing that God can give to us.

Three questions that we have to ask to discover our mate through the dating process.

1. Do I have a **P** _____ for this date?

Proverbs 27:12 *"A prudent person foresees the danger ahead and takes precautions"*

2. Is this a **P** _____ mate?
God's desire is for you to have a relationship that you can grow spiritually with.
3. Marriage, do I need to **W** _____?

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Is this God's best for my life?

Discussion Questions:

1. What is your current definition of a healthy dating relationship?
2. **Based on your definition, have you had, or are you currently in a healthy dating relationship?**
3. In your current dating life, would you say that you have a plan for your dates? If not, what would that look like in your mind?
4. **What is the hardest thing about dating for you?**

HELPFUL TIPS for Great Table Discussions

Each table should have a designated Table Host.

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.

1. **Smile and be friendly.**
Avoid excessive complaining about people or personal problems.
2. **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.
3. **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.
4. **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.