

CHECK YES OR NO

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FROM FEBRUARY 26, 2017

BIG IDEA:

There is going to come a time in every person's life when you are going to begin feeling things that you've never felt before and becoming interested in things you've never been interested in before. We are hardwired to feel attraction, to want attention, to feel connected and loved by someone else. God created us to fully express and act on these feelings in a committed relationship called marriage. Check Yes or No: Will you keep marriage on your mind?

DISCUSSION:

1. Look up and read Genesis 2:21-24 together.
2. Why do you think God chose to create Eve?
3. Why didn't Adam and Eve need to date?
4. Do think God still creates people for each other? Do you believe God has made someone for you to marry someday?

"Every interaction you have with someone else in relationships will affect your future marriage"

5. What are the ways dating could positively and negatively affect your future marriage? What are the positives and negatives of "going out" with someone?
6. Why would it be a beneficial thing to keep your future mate in mind?
7. Would you rather your future mate:
 - A) Go out with lots of different people before they meet you. Some casual, some serious.
 - B) Have only a few casual, short-lived relationships before they meet you.
 - C) Have only a few very serious, long term relationships before they meet you.
 - D) Not date anyone else before they meet you.
8. Why did you choose your answer to the last question?
9. If your future mate was "going out" with someone right now, what are the things that would upset you about the way they are being treated?
10. If your future mate was "going out" with someone right now, what are the things that would please you about their relationships?

Allow: "respect, purity, and friendship"; Avoid: "romance, physical stuff, or heartache"

11. Read Hosea 2:19-20. Marriage is a picture of God's covenant love for us. How does it make you feel that the God of the universe pursues you like this?

APPLICATION:

12. What are the things we should commit to in order to honor and prepare for our future marriage? Let's make a list as a group and write it down.
13. What are practical ways you can be respectful of members of the opposite gender?
14. What are practical ways you can protect the purity of members of the opposite gender?
15. What are practical ways you can develop friendships with members of the opposite gender?
16. Avoiding things is more difficult than doing things. How can you avoid romance, physical stuff, and heartache when it comes to relationships with members of the opposite gender?