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This summer is all about you!

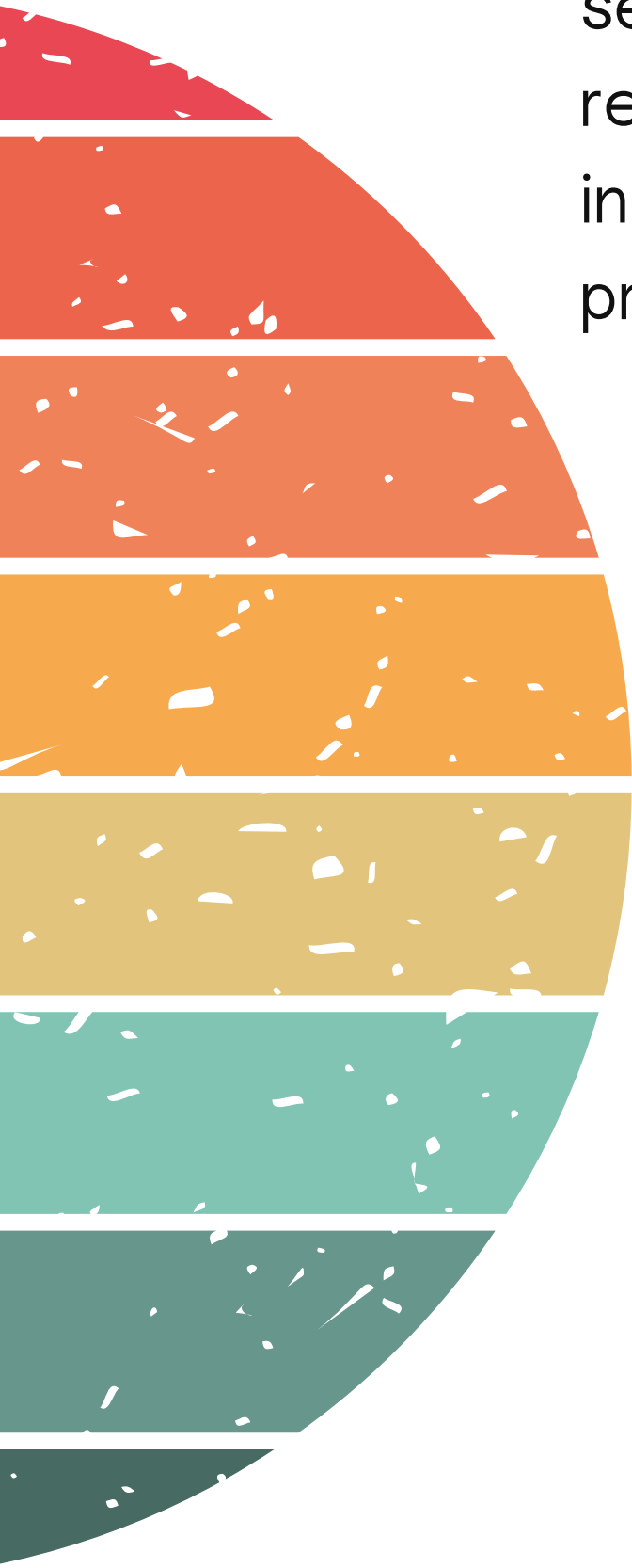
Week 7

Loving Others

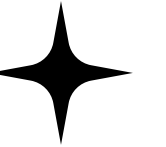
In your own time, take a moment to read the following scripture selection and then highlight what stands out to you.

- How are you living out “Love your neighbor as yourself”?
- What’s one thing you’ll do differently to love others better in your next relationship?
- What have you learned (directly or indirectly) about dating and marriage from church?
- How would you describe dating as a Christian? How would you describe dating in 2024?
- What’s one habit or mindset you’ve changed in dating as you’ve grown more mature?
- How do you include God in your dating life?
- What’s a Biblical principle that you live by when it comes to dating and engaging in relationships?





This week, let's get into dating for marriage! We've covered so much over the last several weeks, and hopefully it's helped provide a foundation for moving in dating and relationships with a healthy perspective. There's no specific scripture on how to "date" in the Bible, as culture was different from today, but there are plenty of relationship principles to practice as you date with the purpose of marriage.



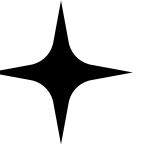
"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:1-3 NKJV

25 "Therefore, putting away lying, 'Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,' for we are members of one another." Ephesians 4:25 NKJV

32 "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you." Ephesians 4:32 NKJV

And many of us have read for ourselves or heard messages based on Ephesians 5, which covers even more ways that we can show love to others, including marriage. It's worth a reread this weekend!

There are some other scriptures that we can incorporate in how we love others and treat others in dating scenarios.



“Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. 4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” Philippians 2:3-4 NKJV

“Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, 2 older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity.”—1 Timothy 5:1-2

“He who has a deceitful heart finds no good, And he who has a perverse tongue falls into evil.” Proverbs 17:20

“Who can find a virtuous wife? For her worth is far above rubies. 11 The heart of her husband safely trusts her; So he will have no lack of gain. 12 She does him good and not evil All the days of her life.” Proverbs 31:10-12

Many of these scriptures have a common theme of us as individuals being upright before or while engaging with others. The fruit of the Spirit operating in us will yield better results than moving in our flesh. As Lauryn Hill says, “How you gon’ win when you ain’t right within?” Let’s win in our singleness so we can reap the benefits of healthy, godly relationships!