

Session 1:

Getting Started:

1. Did you have a favorite fairy tale growing up? If so, what was it?
2. What was the worst date you have ever gone on?

Read: Ephesians 4:11-16

- Why should we set our dating standards high and according to scripture? What are the benefits to being selective and narrowing the playing field?
- Outside of dating, what are some examples of other relationships that you can apply these principles to?
- Everyone take a look at 1 Corinthians 13:4-7. Let's do what Jim suggested and insert our own names into the text and do a quick assessment of ourselves.
 - Which one of these aspects do you think you are doing a pretty good job at?
 - Which one could use some work?
 - What is a specific action you can take to help improve on that quality that you just mentioned that could use some work?
- Read Jeremiah 17:9 aloud. Contrary to what a lot of people say, "following your heart" without careful consideration very rarely leads us to the right thing.
 - What are some of the resources that we, followers of Christ, can use to filter our hearts desires through to make sure our decisions line up with the Lord? (i.e. possible dating relationships, life choices, money decisions.)
 - Why don't we always use these safeguards to check our hearts and decisions... before diving into a new relationship, buying a new boat, or quitting our job?
- What kind of boundaries or guardrails can we have to help us keep our dating relationships honoring the Lord? What about in our other relationships?

Wrap Up

Pray for each person to have the courage and strength to be obedient to God's standards in all areas of our lives.

Memory Verse:

"So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart."

2 Timothy 2:22 ESV

*Creating My
Happily Ever After*