



# MAKING THE ADVENTURE **PERSONAL**

## Trusting God Through Dating and Marriage

### MAIN THING

Choose Wisely. Who You Date/Marry Will Determine the Course of Your Life

### SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 6:14, Philippians 2:3, Luke 14:11

### ICEBREAKER

Almost everyone has a relationship disaster story. What is that for you?

### OPENING THOUGHT

God knows that nothing determines our path in life more than who we are dating and who we marry. Most of us at some point in our lives will date and/or marry. All over the Bible are admonitions to pay careful attention to who you travel through life with. King Solomon was the wisest person who ever lived. He was blessed by God with the knowledge of what to do, when to do it, and how to do it. Yet, there was one thing that took him down in life, that moved him away from God, that completely upended his good start. It was marrying women from outside the faith. In the New Testament, the Apostle Paul tells us not to be unequally yoked. Choosing the right person is very important. However, BEING the right person is even more important. The Bible tells us what kind of people we are supposed to be in marriage.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14. What does Paul mean here by saying that we should be "yoked together?" Is it possible for two people from different faiths to love each other? Can it bring problems? In the long run, what affect can that have on the relationship? What about your relationship with Christ?
3. In Philippians 2:3, Paul talks about one of the biggest issues in relationships. What is it? Why is this so hard for so many? Does this work against our nature? What ways can we show this attitude to help the relationship? Is this something you struggle with? How much has that affected relationships in the past?

### LIFE APPLICATION

Putting others before ourselves is almost always the biggest hurdle to any relationship: marriage, dating, friendships, even our relationship with Christ. When our high opinion of ourselves outweighs the needs of others, we become very difficult to be in a relationship with. What do we read about this in Luke 14:11? How can you improve on this? Are there habits or practices that you are doing that make it difficult to put others first? It might be time to put those to the side.

### GROUP CHALLENGE

Many of our groups are made up of married couples and/or dating couples. How can your group help foster healthy relationships within your interactions? Could you do a couples getaway? Maybe you could take turns babysitting each other's children so that couples can get date nights. Get creative in how you can make healthy relationships a vital part of your group's DNA.