

DATEABLE – WEEK ONE – Introduction & Developing a Theology of Dating

Verses used in lesson:

1 John 4:7-8

Main Points:

- There is not a biblical position on dating.
- Definition of dating: dating is not a status to dwell in, but a process to move through. Dating is meant to move us to a particular end – discerning whether or not we are meant to marry a particular person.
- It is more important to get a relationship with God right before entering a dating relationship.
- Everyone is on a spiritual journey. Your values will shape your views on love, dating and marriage.

Discussion Questions for students from week one:

- 1) How would you and your friends define dating?
- 2) What does the Bible say about dating? What is the challenge about intending to date biblically?
- 3) Are there any big picture principles from the Bible you think would be applicable for dating?
- 4) Do you desire to date? If so, when? Why?
- 5) When have your parents said you're allowed to date? Why?
- 6) Do you have any concerns/fears about dating?

Questions for parents:

- 1) How would you, as a parent, define dating today?
- 2) Do you talk to your child about dating? If so, what do you tell them about dating? If not, why not?
- 3) Would you allow your child to date? If so, when? Why?
- 4) Have you told your child when he/she can date? If so, when? What criteria do you have for them before they can date? Have you shared this with them?
- 5) Do you have any concerns/fears about your child dating? What are your concerns/fears rooted in?