

Growth Group News

Two services begin January 14. Have you signed up for an elective yet?

Ready for Marriage

What Does It Take?

1 Timothy 3:1-15 · Titus 1:5-11 · Titus 2:1-6

INSTRUCTIONS: THESE QUESTIONS ARE INTENDED TO CAUSE US TO THINK MORE DEEPLY ABOUT OUR FAITH IN VIEW OF THE SERMON. YOU MAY NOT GET TO EVERY QUESTION. ONE QUESTION MAY INDUCE OTHER FOLLOW UP QUESTIONS OR CAUSE A LARGER DISCUSSION. OUR PURPOSE ISN'T TO 'DISCUSS THE SERMON' SO MUCH AS IT IS TO TAKE OUR CONSIDERATION OF THE PASSAGE DEEPER SO THAT WE CAN LIVE CHANGED LIVES.

ICE BREAKER QUESTION

Did you make a New Year's Resolution? If so, do you expect to keep it? Really?

ACCOUNTABILITY QUESTION

Are you ready to do the "I will" section of this list of Growth Group Questions? Will you take concrete steps to implement what you heard in some way relevant to you and your life?

UNDERSTANDING QUESTIONS

Questions:

1. True or false: when it comes to matters of love and preparing for marriage, it's better to use your heart rather than your head. Relate your answer to the sermon.
2. Read 1 Timothy 3:3-15. Why would the character qualities essential for biblical Christian leadership serve us well as character qualities to look for in a potential spouse?
3. We grant that no one is perfect, but why wouldn't you seek a mate who is **striving** to develop these character traits, understanding that no one is perfect?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-18. Based upon what God is saying in this epistle, is it ever justifiable for a believer to date or marry an unbeliever? In other words, how can you or anyone else justify dating or marrying an unbeliever if it is so clearly forbidden by God?
5. How can a man or woman, boy or girl (your son or daughter) discern whether or not their intended "date" is a believer or not? What are five steps they could take? Why should they care?
6. Why might marrying a Christian be so important for Christians in the areas of (in no particular order): parenting, budgeting, worshiping, spending eternity together with your spouse (or children)? Why do you think so many professing Christians won't/can't/don't think this way when choosing a spouse?
7. Discuss as a group how each (or some of you) will implement something taught in the sermon. Describe a concrete action you will take by saying, "I will [the action]." This will help you implement what you learned.