

# thESource *Bible Study*

## Let's Talk Dating

### Who?

Rate these characteristics from most important being 1 to least important being 10 with regard to who you would look to date.

\_\_\_looks      \_\_\_popularity      \_\_\_money      \_\_\_personality      \_\_\_sense of humor  
\_\_\_Christian      \_\_\_romance      \_\_\_car      \_\_\_body      \_\_\_good moral values

What does Scripture say about this? 2 Corinthians 6:14-15

Why is this important?

What are some possible benefits of dating a Christian?

What are some possible problems that occur when a Christian tries to date a non-Christian?

React to this comment: "Well, if I date a non-Christian, that will give me an opportunity to witness to them and change them."

### What?

What is the current slang for dating?

What makes a date a date?

As a Christian, how should our expectations differ?

What rules do your parents have for you regarding dating? How do you feel about these rules?

### Where?

Where have you gone on a date?

What are some concerns that you should have about where you go on a date?

### When?

When should you be able to date?

What makes one ready to date?

Place an X on the line below rating yourself in the following characteristics. Then, put an \* at the place where your parents would rate you.

### Responsibility

I've got all my homework and chores done for next week already.

What homework? What chores?

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### Maturity

People think I'm in college.

I frequently hear the phrase "Act your age."

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### Parental Communication

I don't mind telling them everything!

They don't even know my best friend's name.

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### Trustworthiness

"Don't worry, I'll take care of it!"

"Oops! I knew I shouldn't have..."

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When should you introduce your date to your parents?

When should you bring your date to church or youth group (if he/she does not attend your church)?

When does "dating" become "going out"? When does a "date" become a "boyfriend" or "girlfriend"?

### Why?

Why do we date?

If you are dating to meet your future spouse, does this mean that you shouldn't date anyone you wouldn't marry?

### How?

How do I meet someone to date anyhow?

Once I find someone I want to date, how do I ask them?

How far do you think is too far?

Think (to yourself) how far you have gone.

How could you encourage a friend who was feeling guilty or ashamed about going "too far"?

Read Psalm 103:8-12, Psalm 130:3-4, and 1 John 1:9.