



NOBODY WANTS TO BE LONELY

the who, when, & how of Godly romance

Discussion Questions for the week of February 18

BIG IDEA:

Nobody wants to be lonely. We all have a God-given desire for romance and companionship. Just as God has given us these desires, He also has plan for their fulfillment. *When will a person find godly romance?* When both parents approve of the relationship, when caring friends approve of the relationship, when God is the leader of the relationship, and when you're ready to commit to the relationship.

ICE BREAKER:

What is your favorite love song of all time? Who can sing it right now?!

DISCUSSION:

1. How many of you would want to have a boyfriend/girlfriend right now?
2. In your opinion, what are the good parts of "going out" with someone? (being a "thing")
3. In your opinion, what are the bad parts of "going out" with someone?
4. When do you think is a good time to start dating or "going out"?
5. Do you think you'll ever want to get married someday? When do you think you'd like to get married?
6. Look up and read all of Genesis 24.
If you can round up enough Bibles, have everyone read the story silently on their own.
7. In your opinion, what's the strangest thing that happened in the love story of Isaac & Rebekah?
8. What role did the parents have in Isaac & Rebekah's love story?
9. What role did other people have in Isaac & Rebekah's love story?
10. What role did God have in Isaac & Rebekah's love story?
11. Where did "dating" or "going out" fit into the picture of Isaac & Rebekah's love story?
12. When did Isaac & Rebekah find godly romance?
 1. *When both of their parents approved of the relationship*
 2. *When caring friends approved of the relationship*
 3. *When God was the leader of the relationship*
 4. *When they were ready to commit to the relationship*
13. Why do you think God would devote an entire chapter of His book to sharing this story with us?
14. How would you feel if you were Isaac or Rebekah in that same situation today?

APPLICATION:

15. It seems like things worked way differently back in the time of Isaac & Rebekah. What principles/wisdom do we get from this passage? What can we take away from their story and apply to our lives today?

This story encourages us to wait on romance until...1) Both parents approve of the relationship, 2) Caring friends approve of the relationship, 3) God is the leader of the relationship, 4) You're ready to commit to the relationship

16. Nobody wants to be lonely. Do you have any ideas about what a person could do to avoid being lonely while they wait for God's timing for romantic relationships?