

NOBODY WANTS TO BE LONELY

♥ the who, when, and how of godly romance ♥

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11

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. Who is the person who finds godly romance? It is the person who can talk to their parents about it, the person who has wise friends who give advice, and the person who follows God above their own heart.

ICE BREAKER:

What is the most romantic movie or movie scene you've ever seen? Have you ever wished to be a particular character or wished that a particular scene would play out in your life?

DISCUSSION:

1. How many of you know someone who has had a boyfriend/girlfriend? Has anyone here ever had boyfriend/girlfriend?
2. What is different about "boyfriends/girlfriends" that makes them "more than friends"?
3. What do you think about kids your age "dating" or "going out" with each other?
4. Look up and read Genesis 2:18. What does this verse tell us about romance? Does this mean that we should all rush out of here and find a special someone? Why or why not?
5. Does anyone remember the 3 "Obstacles to Romance" that were mentioned at Wake on Sunday? Have any of those obstacles been a factor in your life?

Not allowed to date

Not attractive enough to others

Not all that great (You've dated but it wasn't that cool)

SAY: Since God has given us a desire for romance, it makes sense that he would also provide a path for us to follow as we seek to fulfill that desire. Today we're going to look at some of God's guidance from the book of Proverbs. It's a book all about living wisely...living God's way.

6. Look up and read Proverbs 1:8, Proverbs 13:1, and Proverbs 19:27. What wisdom do these verses give to us?
7. What has been your experience when it comes to talking to your parents about "dating" or "boyfriends/girlfriends" or "going out" or stuff like that? Is it easy or hard to talk to your parents about this topic?
8. Do you think your parents could offer helpful advice? Why or why not?
9. Look up and read Proverbs 12:15, Proverbs 15:22, Proverbs 19:20. What wisdom do these verses give to us?
10. What has been your experience when it comes to talking to your friends about "dating" or "boyfriends/girlfriends" or "going out" or stuff like that? Is it easy or hard to talk to your friends about this topic?
11. Do you think your friends could offer helpful advice? Why or why not?
12. Look up and read Jeremiah 17:9, Proverbs 3:5-6, and Matthew 6:33-34. What does these verses all have in common? What lesson could they teach us?
13. Do most kids your age spend more time thinking about how they can seek God more or how they can seek a "boyfriend/girlfriend" more? How about you?

APPLICATION:

14. If you're ever interested in "dating" or "going out" or having a "boyfriend/girlfriend" what do you think would be the wise and godly things to do *before* jumping into that kind of relationship?
15. How can this group hold each other accountable to pursuing God's plan for fulfilling romantic desires?