

## **\*Extra – How to break up to the Glory of God**

1. Remember we live in a fallen world.
2. A few specifics
  - Don't beat around the bush.
  - Talk in person.
  - Don't make it a one-way conversation.
  - Don't use the advice of a counselor as a trump card.
3. Can we just be friends?
4. Fight against bitterness
  - Assume the best in the other person's motives (1 Cor. 13:7b)
  - Preach truth to yourself (Rom. 12:19,21; Eph. 4:32)
  - Hope in God (Ps. 27:13-14)
5. Remember the importance of dating well

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## ***Equip—Singleness & Dating*** **Class 5: Dating: What Could Possibly Go Wrong?**



### **The Problem of Premarital Sex**

#### ***Introduction***

Intimacy is the **reward, product, and fruit** of commitment, not the means to achieving it.

Not “How far can I go?” but instead “How can I serve and honor the person to whom I’m attracted and with whom I am pursuing a dating relationship?”

Any sexual relationship outside of marriage is not part of the Biblical model and should be considered sinful.

#### ***Controlling Scriptural Principles*** **Genesis 2:24**

#### **Romans 13:8-10; 13-14**

#### **1 Thessalonians 4:3-8**

#### **Proverbs 6:20 – 7:27**

## 1 Timothy 5:1-2

## 1 Corinthians 6:9-20

## Song of Solomon 2:7

### ***Implications***

Truly loving someone in a dating context means *not* expressing that affection physically

All sexual activity is “sex”

There are ramifications for sinful sexual activity

### ***Helpful principles***

Set clear guidelines

Do not do anything that sexually arouses

Avoid temptation

Have reliable accountability structures in place

Look to Jesus as Savior and Sovereign

## Other Potential Pitfalls

**Paralysis** – Fear of initiating a relationship.

**Stalkerism** – Thinking you need to know everything before you date.

**Narrowness** – Being so set on dating a specific someone that you miss someone else right in front of you.

**Legalism** – Seeing dating as an equation or law.

**Selfishness** – Desiring marriage so much that you become preoccupied and only concerned with your self.

**Philippians 2:3-4** "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others."

**Song of Solomon 2:7b** "Do not arouse or awaken love until it so desires."

**Proverbs 18:1** "Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment."

**“Evange-dating”** – Dating a non-Christian in hopes that they will become a Christian while dating.