

Core Seminar—Dating & Courtship
Week 1

An Introduction to Dating & Courtship

I. Brief History of Dating 1900s-2011

- *1900s*
- *1920s*
- *1930s*
- *1960s*
- *1970s-Today*

Romans 12:2 “Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”

II. Definition – *What are we talking about?*

Defining Dating or Courtship –

How should we see “success”?

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III. Am I Ready?

Possible reasons to wait...

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Philippians 2:3-4 “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit...Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.”

IV. Where We’re Heading From Here...

- Week 1 – Introduction to Dating & Courtship
- Week 2 – Stages of the Relationship
- Week 3 – Intimacy & Accountability
- Week 4 –What to Talk About
- Week 5—What to Look For
- Week 6 –Chemistry & Compatibility
- Week 7 – Thing that Go Wrong in our Dating/Courtship Culture
- Week 8 – Panel

V. Some of the Differences Between Christian Dating and Worldly Dating

- Immediate intimacy vs. future intimacy.
- Exclusive time alone vs. group settings.
- Complimentarian vs. egalitarian.
- Long periods of time together are not needed because what you’re after is the appropriate level of knowledge needed in order to decide if further commitment is desired and in order vs. you spend a great deal of time together (most of it alone) because you need to get to know the person more deeply than anyone else.
- Holiness vs. Getting your needs met
- Commitment comes *before* intimacy vs. a high level of emotional involvement early in a dating relationship.
- Accountable vs. private.

VI. Conclusion