



Sermon Discussion Questions

Sermon Series: SEXNLOVE (SNL)

Sunday, February 13, 2011: What is love?

Song of Songs 2; 1 John 3:16

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If you are married, tell the group about some of your favorite dates before you were married.
If you are not married, tell about some of the best dates that you have had or that you hope to have.

Share as a group what you think is the purpose for dating.

What age were you allowed to start dating and do you remember why? What age would you set for your children to start dating and tell why.

What do you think about this comment Mike made this morning: "When thinking about marriage it is not so much about finding the right person but becoming the right person."?

Read Song of Songs 2:11-12

Mike talked this morning about "seasons" of dating and relationships. The first season he talked about was "the season of preparation-Winter." *How did he describe this season and what stood out to you about this season?*

In your marriage, what is the benefit of the winter seasons in your marriage? Talk about seasons of winter in your marriage-what happened on the other side?

If you are not married, what is the benefit of winter seasons? Why is it not healthy to skip this season?

What is most difficult about this season?

Read Song of Songs 2:8-10

The next season Mike talked about was the season of perfection. Talk about a time you and your spouse, the person you are dating, or a person you have dated where you were in this season of perfection.

Mike talked about three strategic limits to have in this time. Reflect as a group on all three of these and why it is healthy to limit them:

- 1) Your time dating-how much time you spend together
- 2) Your talk during dating-what you say and don't say
- 3) Your touch-how you physically are with each other

If you are a parent of a teenager, talk about how you can help your child in all 3 of these ways.

Read Song of Songs 2:14

The third season Mike talked about was a Season of Discovery: your past and your plans

When you become serious about another, it is then a time of talking about the things that are important in your past and your plans for the future.

What are things that are important to discuss about your past and what is not healthy?

In this season, there can be a temptation to change your future plans simply because they don't line up with the person you are dating. *When is this healthy and when is it not healthy? Why?*

There is one thing we need to see is healthy to keep in all seasons:

Protect Purity: Sexual temptation and sexual sin can ruin the harvest of God's blessing in a relationship.

Read Song of Songs 2:15

When you are dating someone and they choose to honor God by keeping their body pure until they are married, what does that tell you about this person?

What is attractive about this person? What does that tell you about who this person will be after you marry them?

If a person wants to have sex with you before marriage because they want to see "if you are compatible in this area", what does that tell you about their view of commitment and their relationship with you?

Read 1 John 3:16

In your dating relationship, in your marriage, how can you think more highly of the other person and their needs this week?

Take one practical step this week in that direction...