

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Middle-High School

DATE: 1/31/21

LESSON: *Marriage in the Family of God*

INTRO

This conversation guide exists to help parents interact with their middle and high school students. Our goal is to help them transition toward being adults, but most middle and high school students still need some translation and help connecting what we're learning on Sundays to their lives.

- **Ice Breakers:**

- How often and in what contexts do you think about marriage? What do you think about marriage? Are you curious, interested, disinterested, etc.? Why?
- Do you know any couples outside of our family (friends, SG leaders, etc.) who are married? If so, what do their relationship look like?
- What are examples of healthy or unhealthy marriage you've seen in books, movies and/or tv shows?

- **Parent Share:** If you're married, tell your kids about how you and your spouse went from dating to marriage. What did that decision look like?

- **Sermon Discussion:** What is something that stood out to you from this sermon? Is this different from the way you have heard marriage talked about before?

- **Why do you date?**

- Do you remember any of the reasons the sermon said people might date or marry someone? Which of these reasons did we say were not good reasons?
- Last week the sermon talked a little about idolizing romance, how would you define romance idolatry?
 - Have you seen examples of this in people you know or in books and movies?
 - Do you know anyone who always needs to be dating someone?
 - Why is romance idolatry a bad thing?
- **Read Ephesians 5:31-32.** What is a better reason to be dating/to get married than romance idolatry?
 - Why do you think Paul says marriage is a picture of Christ and the Church?