



BAEWATCH

GRACE TO SAVE US FROM A HOOK UP CULTURE

ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT STEPS:

- Downtown Worship Night, February 11 & 18, 6:30 Knox Church
- BAPTISM BASH, February 11, 1:30PM Microtel Pool
- Downtown Launch, February 25, 6:30PM, Knox Church

PRAY TOGETHER FOR

- God to develop you to become the one in whatever season you are in (the field, the garden, the valley).
- For Mosaic Downtown plans and strategies

GOAL FOR THIS STUDY:

Most of the emphases in today's hook up culture tends to be on finding the right one, but the Bible's emphasis is not to find the right one, instead, **TO BE THE RIGHT ONE**. The Biblical way of finding a mate asks the question: "Am I the person the person I'm looking for is looking for?"

Romans 3:22 NLT, *We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.*

2 Peter 3:18 (NLT), *But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.*

ICE BREAKER: Get everyone write out a vision statement for their dating relationships.

OPENING: We live in what many sociologists call a "hook-up" culture. The hook up culture is like always being on the lookout for someone to get together with, with the intention of dating or having sexual relations with them; and if things work out, perhaps go a little deeper in relationship. That's how pretty much hook-up culture is; finding someone interesting and hooking up with them, trying things out, and if it doesn't work, end the relationship, time to move on and find another person to hook up with. Here at Mosaic, we've always emphasized becoming the person God wants us to be. More than finding the right person for us, we want to learn how to become the right person not our own sake or for our future potential mate, but for the Glory of God. We want to become the kind of person someone we ourselves would want to be in a relationship with.

Pastor shared on Sunday that God has placed us in the field. While on the field, we should focus on doing what God has placed us here for. Sometimes, the enemy gets us distracted on what we don't have then he can keep us from pursuing the things of God and what He has for us in this season of our life.

- What does God want us to focus on while we are unmarried? What are some ways that the devil uses to distract you?
- How can Satan use dating relationships to distract you?
- Has he distracted you in these ways in past relationships?
- How do you safeguard yourself in future relationships from these distractions?

As we spend time out in the field (being involved in His kingdom and experiencing personal growth), God is using this season to prepare us for a fruitful future. When we're surrounded by friends and classmates who are all "hooked up" we can feel pressured to do the same which could get us off track from the vision God has for us.

- Are you viewing your time as a single student as preparation time or wasted time?
- What can you do to embrace the season of preparation? How can you use it to build a strong foundation?
- What is the vision that you feel like God has placed on your life?
- How can having a vision for your dating relationships give you restraint and help you resist sin and temptation?

Connection and Action

Questions to promote conversation and connection

Question:

If you could change one thing about yourself what would it be?

What is the purpose of being in a relationship?

How does it make you feel when you're in a relationship?

What do you think is the most important thing in a relationship?

Do you think it's important to prepare for marriage now, even at your age?

How does your relationship with Christ affect your relationship with others?

Bible and Belief

Questions to help believers develop a biblical point of view.

What kind of wife did Abraham want for his son? What would have been the danger in finding a wife from among the Canaanites? Genesis 24:2-4.

Why is faith such an important part in finding a wife for Isaac? Why does the Bible teach that we should date and marry someone who has the same faith and relationship with God as us?

Based on Pastors metaphors of *the field* for growth and the kingdom, is there ever a time when we'll ever leave the field? Why or why not?

Growing in Leadership

Questions to help people grow as leaders.

What character traits are you looking for in a potential mate?

What character trait(s) is God calling you to get rid of so he can develop you into the godly person or mate He wants you to be?

Why is obedience to God so important in our pursuit of becoming the one? In what ways is God calling you to grow in obedience especially in the your current season (field, garden, valley)?

What are some consequences of opening sexual doors before marriage?

John 4:35. Jesus is talking about sharing the gospel and bringing in a harvest of people. What are some ways you can bring in more people to Jesus?