

FUSION Q's For Da Girlzzz... Relationships that Honour God 4: Dating

Discussion Starter ...

Ask the students how their week went. Are there things your students want to pray about?

Discussion Questions ...

Q1. Have you ever thought about what sort of guy you would allow yourself to date? Take some time and discuss as a group what standards you have or should have for a possible dating relationship. Make a list of character and spiritual qualities you think are important in a possible boyfriend that would help protect you and your relationship with God. You might want to separate your list into primary standards (ones you will not compromise on) and secondary standards (ones that you prefer but would compromise for if the right guy came along).

Q2. Why do you think it is so important for a girl to have high standards when it comes to dating?

Q3. Are you willing to let the girls in your group keep you accountable to the list you made? If so, tell them!

Read Song of Songs 2:7 and "Digging Deeper"

Q4. What do you think it means not to awaken or arouse love until it so desires?

Q5. Why do you think so many girls are willing to compromise their faith and/or primary standards for a relationship with a guy?

Q6. What do you think about the lust for emotional intimacy? Have you ever thought about it before? Has it ever played a part in your life?

Q7. What is your plan to not fall into the trap of lusting for emotional intimacy?

Song of Songs 2:7

Daughters of Jerusalem, I charge you
by the gazelles and by the does of the field:
Do not arouse or awaken love
until it so desires.

Digging Deeper – A Reflection on Emotional Lust

When people talk about lust, they usually associate it with physical lust after another person's body/body parts. Lust is a huge struggle for both guys and girls, but often in different ways. Some girls fall prey to physical lust, but most to a lust for companionship and emotional intimacy (which often at the root for those who struggle with physical lust). One of the greatest fears for girls is that they will be alone and that no one (particularly guys) will want them. It is amazing what a girl will give up (including her beliefs and faith) for a relationship with a guy. Both of these types of lust are extremely dangerous as they are very destructive to one's faith. Lusting for emotional intimacy with a guy has been the cause of more girls giving up their virginity, their faith and their own self-respect than any other sin. In almost every case, a girl who chooses to date a guy who does not share her spiritual convictions and beliefs (or a guy who says he does, but whose actions say otherwise) will end up compromising her beliefs to stay in the relationship. In fact, it is only the exception where this does not happen (thus the excuse "but I know so-and-so did and their boyfriend became a Christian"). Unfortunately, almost every girl believes she and her boyfriend are the exception, and the stats are staggering when it comes to girls leaving behind their faith for a guy.