

# CBSM Small Group Discussion Guide

## You Asked For It: Dating Relationships

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### The one-shot summary of the sermon series:

“You Asked For It” is our summer sermon series where our students come up with the sermon subjects. We want this to be insanely practical, ridiculously applicable, and extremely every day life kind of stuff. Most of these will be handled within Q&A's.

### CBSM Small Group Accountability:

I realize these accountability questions are a little much for the beginning of an already short small group session time. So let's encourage our teens every small group session to have a couple of accountability partners. I would encourage them to have a group of 3 - 4 that talk or meet together every week or two to talk about their lives, their victories, failures, successes, struggles, sins, and obedience.

### CBSM Small Group Application Questions:

**Conversation:** Don't forget the importance of letting your students come in, start conversations, you talk to them on a personal level, and after several minutes transition into the lesson.

**Intro:** Small Group Leaders, tell your small group a funny dating story from back in your single days. They'll love it!

**Transition:** Have your small group tell you about dating in their school, age, and friends' lives. What's it like? How do they meet? When do they decide to date? How do they know when to become exclusive? What are the relationships like? What are the breakups like?

**Girls:** Read Ephesians 5:22-24. For the girls, this is how to be the right kind of girl. For the guys, this is how to find the right type of girl.

When the Bible says a wife should submit to their husband “as to the Lord”, what are 7 ways a teenage girl should be submitting their life to Jesus to prepare to submit to their husband later on?

What two different relationships is Paul writing about in verses 23-24 (marriage and the gospel). In what ways are they to be alike? How can dating relationships either prepare or unprepare you for a biblical marriage?

As a small group, discuss these 5 rules for dating.

1. Don't date because you're impatient (driving age).
2. Don't date because you're lonely (relationship with Jesus).
3. Don't date because its popular (normal isn't working, be weird).
4. Don't date because they're hot (so is hell).
5. Don't date unless God says yes (be blessed).

**Dudes:** Read Ephesians 5:25-33. For the guys, this is how to be a godly husband one day. For the girls this is how to spot one.

“As Christ loved the church” (v. 25), if God has patterned marriage after Jesus' loving leadership for His church, (the gospel) then how should a teenage dude be growing in their understanding, love, and practice of the gospel?

“Gave Himself up for her” (v. 25). A godly husband is called to give up and sacrifice things for his wife and family. What are somethings God may be calling a teenage dude to give up to help his current family be better today?

“Purify her by the Word” (v. 26). A godly husband is commanded to spiritually lead and teach his family with the Word of God. How could a teenage boy find more time and desire to be in God's Word today?

“Keep her pure” (v. 27). What are some areas that every teenage dude needs to keep his mind, body, and life pure so that he can lead in purity? When in a dating relationship, what are some ways that teenage dudes should keep their girl pure and protected?

Small Group Leaders: Feel free to review the ending “Gospel” and “Conclusion” sections of the sermon notes to work that into your final small group discussion for the day. I appreciate you all so much!

### **General Outline of a CBSM Small Group Session:**

Listen: Let your class talk a few minutes and just listen to them, listen to their weekend, listen to their lives, listen to their week...listen to their hearts.

Prayer: Ask for prayer requests before you start the discussion.

Accountability: Ask your class if they did their Bible reading, how their prayer life went this week, who they've witnessed to, and about their relationship with Christ.

Discussion: Ask the listed questions along with other questions that sparked in your mind during your reading. Don't be afraid if they get off track a little. Listen to where their minds and conversations are going, and try to take a wide facilitating turn back to the Word.

Prayer: Ask for prayer requests again, but this time ask them to be specifically from what you've studied and discussed that morning. Ask how yall can be praying for each other, and how yall can be praying for the student ministry through the passages. And take time to pray together!

That should easily take up 45 to an hour. If you have any questions...please let me know! Feel free to refer back to this email often. Let me know if you have any helpful suggestions for the rest of the teachers. I'm also attaching a commentary on the book of Judges in case you need it for more answers!

Only by His grace,  
Pastor Chip