

Valentine's Day Discussion Guide Date: Feb. 14, 2021 Video: <u>Valentine's Day 2021</u>

Hey moms and dads,

We're grateful that you are part of our church family and that we have the privilege to help your son and/or daughter to love and walk with Jesus and his church for a lifetime. Besides choosing to follow Jesus, choosing a spouse may be the most important decision a person will make. That important decision will be informed by the important lessons and examples received while they are young. It is our hope that, through this video, the attached discussion guide, and your subsequent conversations, students will encounter God's desire for them regarding dating, love and marriage. As you engage in this conversation with your son and/or daughter, we're praying for you and for them – that God will guard, guide, and grant them favor as they grow and discover his plan. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us at any time.

Prayerfully,

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<u>ICEBREAKER</u>: <u>Candy Heart Mad Gab</u> ← click this link to an online google slides game for everyone to play.

<u>VIDEO</u>: click here \rightarrow <u>Valentine's Day 2021</u>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: Each of the pastors on the video answered one of these questions. Now, mom and dad, it is your turn. Keep your initial answers brief so that you can keep the conversation flowing. Hopefully something you say will spark a follow-up question and some more in-depth discussion. Ideally, the time you spend with your son and/or daughter will open to door to more significant conversations in the future and help him/her see you as their primary spiritual leader and the expert for all things growing up. God bless!

- 1. How did you meet your spouse?
- 2. What's the purpose of dating?
- 3. What's the secret to dating well?
- 4. How did/do you know that he/she is the one?
- 5. How can a young person prepare for a lasting and fulfilling marriage?
- 6. What role has/does your faith play(ed) in your marriage?
- 7. What's the secret to overcoming hardships, disappointments, and trials?
- 8. What's the secret to staying in love for a lifetime?

Now parents, here are three questions to ask your son and/or daughter!

- 1. What have you learned about dating, love, and marriage from us/me?
- 2. What expectations do you have about dating, falling in love and marriage?
- 3. What questions do you have about dating, love, and marriage?

PRAYER: Take some time to pray over your son/daughter regarding dating, love and marriage in the future.