

Leader Conversation Guide - Tik-Tology: Part VI

Main Idea

This week Pastor Curt continued our series Tik-Tology in which we are revealing culture's attempt to reshape theology. This week PC unpacked how culture is reshaping how we think about and view **dating**. It's important to recognize as a church family we will cover topics that you may feel don't apply to you. Don't let that happen, lean in and learn something new. Lean into the wisdom of the people around you before marriage and during marriage. In looking for "Mr. or Mrs. Right", the question we should ask ourselves is "Are you the person the person you are looking for is looking for?" Stop looking for the right person and start becoming the right person.

"May God himself, the God of peace, <u>sanctify</u> you through and through. May your whole <u>spirit</u>, <u>soul</u> and <u>body</u> be kept blameless at the coming of our <u>1 Thessalonians</u> 5:23 NIV

Make it Practical: 3 Questions to ask yourself as you look for Mr. or Mrs. "Right".

- Am I healthy? Read 1 Thess. 5:23, Eccles. 3:1, Song of Sol. 3:5, Coloss. 1:16. Sanctification is the lifelong process of becoming more like Jesus. As we are continually in this process, we should be focusing on the purity of the external (body), internal (soul), and spiritual (spirit). There is a time and season for everything, be on guard, because even the right things can be awakened at the wrong time. Focus on becoming the person God created you to be and in the right time, He will bring to you the right person for you.
- What is my purpose? Read Gen. 2:15, Ephesians 2:10. Adam had a purpose, and Adam had a job. You need to understand your calling in life. What has God designed and wired you uniquely for?
- Who can I help? Read Gen. 2:18 & 2:22. Adam was not lonely, he was alone. But even though he was alone, he was *whole*. Culture tells us we are not whole until we have someone else who "completes" us. That puts a lot of pressure and unrealistic expectations on our spouse. God created woman as a helper for man, not to be one half of a whole. Two individuals to complement, not complete each other.

Talk About It

- Married Couples, ask yourselves <u>these questions</u>. Am I healthy? Am I walking in my purpose? How can I help?
- Married or single, what is the *best* dating/marriage advice you received?
- Married or single, what is the worst dating/marriage advice you received?
- What are some things you are focusing on to become/be the "right" person?

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Prayer

Father, thank You for creating each of us with a need for relationships in our lives. Your perfect love demonstrates how we should love others. Help us to discover and fulfill the purpose You have placed in our lives. Make us more like You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Leader Tip

Encourage married Group members to take some one on one time with their spouse this week, and share ways that they complement you.

If Group members don't know their purpose, encourage them to join us at Growth Track! Every first, second, and third week during the second service at all locations.