

**May 31, 2015**  
**Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25**  
**“Questions Our Youth Are Asking”**

The importance of asking questions...

**Today’s Question:** “What Is An Appropriate Physical Relationship Between A Dating Couple?”

**Small Group Discussion** (3-4 minutes, groups of 4-6 people)

**Message**

Re-frame the question by evaluating and questioning the contemporary “dating culture”

Pastor and father...

Overall conviction: we need much more than “defining the line” in the physical relationship.

**1. The Gospel Of Jesus Christ** is big enough to include all the areas of our lives including the area of “dating relationships”

The gospel of Jesus Christ is big enough to provide guidance and wisdom to us for this morning’s question.

- **“So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them” (Genesis 1:27).**
- **Treat younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, and younger women as sisters, with absolute purity” (1 Timothy 5:1b-2).**

- **“Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure...” (Hebrews 13:4).**

The gospel of Jesus Christ is also good enough to call us back from paths where we have wandered and gone far away from God’s intention for us.

## **2. “Dating”**

- A very recent development in human history (1920s?). Most people in human history have not dated.
- Taylor Swift songs—what kind of worldview do they portray? (“You Belong To Me,” “Shake It Off,” “Love Story,” “We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together,” etc.)
- Dating be very selfish, narcissistic, dangerous, experimental, and involve a lot of heartache

Can we kiss dating good-bye?

## **3. A Better Gospel-Way?**

- Either marriage or singleness is possible
- Let’s tell our children and youth about human sexuality.
- Sex and your sexuality is God’s good gift.
- The 3 C’s: chemistry, character and Christ
- Community input
- Church: healthy and holy relationship maker
- Human beings are glorious and their bodies are sacred.
- Dating suggestions
- 2 questions for potential future boyfriends...

## **4. What Is An Appropriate Physical Relationship Between A Dating Couple?**

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