

WEEK 2

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



THIS SERIES

"We're meant to be." It's how all of our favorite movies, songs, and books talk about love—as if the secret to an amazing relationship is a little bit of destiny, a whole bunch of feelings, and a tiny dash of magic. So it makes sense, when we observe the not-so-perfect, real-life relationships modeled by our friends, parents, and favorite celebrities, that we might start to wonder, "Wait—is *that* how relationships are meant to be?" In this 4-week series, you'll give students a better lens for evaluating their current and future dating relationships as you help them see that the secret to a relationship that's "meant to be" is to **stay close to Jesus, date with purpose, know who you're looking for, and keep sex in the right context.**

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

The purpose of dating is to lead toward marriage.

THE BIBLE

1 Corinthians 10:23-24; Psalm 139:13-14
Ephesians 5:31-32; Philippians 2:3-4

- **What's the worst first date story you've ever heard or experienced?**
- **How do you know when a dating relationship isn't going anywhere good?**
- **How can dating as a teenager be a bad thing? How can it be a good thing?**
- **How do you think the world's purpose for dating might be different from God's purpose for dating?**
- **What's one example of a time when dating might be allowed, but isn't beneficial?**
- **Are you allowed to date? Do you think dating is, or could be, beneficial for you right now?**
- **Read Philippians 2:3-4. How can you date in a way that is others-focused instead of self-centered?**
- **If you're dating right now, what's one way you can begin to date with greater purpose?**
- **If you're not dating anyone right now, what can you do now to make sure your future dating relationships happen on purpose?**
- **What questions do you still have about dating?**