



# DATEABLE

## DATEABLE ONE: WHY DATE?

### BOTTOM LINE

WHAT CAN I DO TO CARE ABOUT YOU?

#### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

TO HELP STUDENTS UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF THINKING ABOUT WHY THEY WANT TO DATE; AND TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO PRACTICE CARING ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE MORE THAN THEMSELVES.

#### SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

MARK 12:31

*Leader Note: If you don't typically separate your small groups by gender, this series is a great time to give it a try.*

#### FROM THE TENSION

1. Do people at your school use the term *dating*? If so, what does that mean? If not, what terms do they use?
2. Why do you want to date?
3. Why is it important to think about why you want to date?

#### FROM THE TRUTH

4. Describe some ways people are *me-focused* when it comes to dating.
5. What's the difference between being *me-focused* and *others-focused*? What does being *others-focused* look like?

#### FROM THE APPLICATION

6. Even if you're not dating anyone, what's one thing you could do differently when it comes to caring about other people?
7. How will that one change set you up for better dating relationships down the road?

#### NEXT STEP

Leaders, at some point this week, text your students and remind them of this week's bottom line. **What can I do to care about you?** Encourage them to do one thing to care about someone else this week.