Looking For Mr. and Mrs. Right

Solving Our Relationship Disorders

AT A GLANCE:

The title of the talk series is Looking for Mr. And Ms. Right because it deals with finding— and keeping — the love of your life. This month's teaching series was created for the single person in mind, but please, don't ever think that married people won't be massively blessed by the teachings.

Here's why: Many of your marriage problems don't come from the other person but from the inner person. Before you can work on your relationship with another person, you need to work on your relationship with yourself. If your relationship with yourself sucks, your relationship with others will be horrible too.

AFTER THE SERIES:

Singles will have clearer guidelines on how to choose their lifelong partner. Marrieds will understand why they chose the person they married— and help them learn to work on their "inner person" so they can have a better marriage. (Note that learning to love yourself as God loves you will bless all your relationships.)

Talk 2: "Disordered Priorities"

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

Talk 2 is titled Disordered Priorities because it points out what we focus on and what should be our focus in life. The goal is to set our top priority.

I. REVIEW THE KEY BIBLE VERSES:

Review the story of Abraham and Sarah and what God wanted Abraham to focus on.

Abraham's story starts with God calling him out of the land of Ur to go to the Promised Land of Canaan: The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you..." (Genesis 12:1 NIV).

After God calls Abraham, He tells him, "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you. I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse, and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." (Genesis 12:2-3 NIV).

Review: From this call, God is giving you three words...

- 1. You're Called To Greatness
- 2. You're Called To Be Blessed
- 3. You're Blessed To Overflow

II. ASK FOR REACTIONS AND REFLECTIONS

Ask for reflections on the three common mistakes in defining good and evil: In your life, does this scenario look familiar? To get what we want, when was the last time we redefined good and evil?

First Mistake: Often, Our Dream Isn't Wrong, Just Our Deadline

God is never in a rush. We're always in a hurry, but He's very relaxed. He's very calm. Don't listen to those who want you to rush. Don't settle. Stick to your values.

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Second Mistake: We Want God's Promise, But Not His Process

God's Process usually includes waiting. Just like Abe and Sarah, when we insist on our own process and create our own problems.

4 Things You Can Do While Waiting:

Wish: While you wait, make a wish list.write down criteria of what you want in a husband or wife, plus criteria for the future father or mother of your children.

Work: While you wait, work on yourself. Before you look for the right partner, be the right partner. Why? You don't attract who you want, you attract who you are. So be the right person, and you'll attract the right person.

Walk: Get out of your habitual itinerary. Get out of your usual schedule. Expand your circle.

Worship: While you wait, worship. Your waiting has a higher purpose. God is using your waiting to deepen your trust.

Because at the end of the day, your greatest need is not a husband or a wife. Your greatest need is not a romantic relationship. Your greatest need is a relationship with God.

Third Mistake: We Put Top Priority on The Blessing, Not The Blesser

Many times, we want the blessing more than the Blesser. But Jesus tells us, But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:33 NIV)

All things. Even spouses, if necessary.

The goal is not to get married, the goal is to follow Jesus, be happy, and share your happiness to the world.

III. PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Pray that members may reflect on mistakes in redefining good and evil.

Pray for the grace to be able to make the wrong right, and choose to put top priority on God.

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