

The New Rules for Love, Sex & Dating

Week One - The Right Person Myth

■ BOTTOM LINE

When it comes to relationships all we have to do is look around us to agree with the statement that something is wrong with the way our culture makes decisions about what is right and wrong in our approach to dating and marriage relationships. What are the 'rules' that we follow? Rules are everywhere, even in relationships. In this series, we'll take a hard look at why those rules *don't* work and learning about what rules *do* work.

■ GOAL OF THE GROUP

To create meaningful conversation that stretches our faith and draws us closer to the heart of God. As you read through scripture, share personal reflection and life application, God will reveal new things that you might not have grasped without group discussion. Everyone should feel safe to share openly knowing the group will listen without judgement and confidentiality.

■ SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 13:4-6

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Remember, if *you're not single or dating, you know someone who is! A single friend, relative, maybe the children you're raising. Process the questions below with those relationships in mind.*

1. Identify and share current rules for love, sex and dating based on things in our culture such as movies, songs, TV and the internet. Which 'rules' do you agree or disagree with and why?
2. There isn't such a thing as a 'marriage problem' but there are marriages with problems. This is a result of people bringing problems from the past into their marriages. What are some reasons that these problems aren't identified before marriage?
3. The 'right person myth' says 'if I meet the right person, our marriage will be great'. Can you relate to this way of thinking? Have you approached a relationship with this same thought in mind? Did this approach work for you?
4. Are you the 'person you are looking for' is looking for? This question is the solution to the 'Right person myth.' How does it feel to change your approach from finding the right person to *becoming* the right person? What challenges you in this approach?
5. When it comes to finding the right person, the Bible isn't much help. But when it comes to *becoming* the right person there is lots of help. Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-6. If this is the 'to do' list to *becoming* the right person for someone else, how challenging is it to accomplish?

Pastor Andy Stanley from North Point Church in Atlanta, GA originally created this series in 2011 and most of what Kensington is teaching and writing is based on that series. It's that good!



TRY THIS

Becoming the person you're looking for is hard. But not as hard as getting married and being unprepared. If you are single or dating, think about two things you can do this week to become 'the right person'. If you are not single or dating, think about who you could share 1 Corinthians 13:4-6 with. Share with this person any insight gained through discussing question 5 with your group.