

# DISTORTED DATING

## SEEING CLEARLY HOW TO DATE, MARRY AND LOVE DEEPLY

Some of our relationships are smooth sailing but some of our relationships are honestly really jacked up. Why? Why do we get it wrong so often, or make so many mistakes after a stretch of things seeming to go so well?

Maybe it's because we're looking at our relationships through a wrong or distorted lens. The way we look at dating, the way we see the opposite sex and the way we see ourselves are what build into our perspective, and ultimately, what cause us to continue to see someone as "not the right one" and things begin to fall apart.

But we believe in a God who has designed us to function differently than what is being sold through the images, expectations and experiences of our lives. So shouldn't our relationships actually say more about our strengths than our insecurities?

Join Ben as he attempts to narrow our focus on how we were designed to date, marry and love deeply!



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## **TRY THESE INTROSPECTIVE QUESTIONS**

- What is it you're looking to get out of dating?
- What do you think the goal/purpose of dating is?
- What's the difference between a dating relationship and a marriage relationship?
- If you've ever said, "this isn't working," what does "working" look like?
- What's shaped how you typically view the opposite sex?
- What's missing in your life that you want your significant other to help with?
- How do you imagine your life changing if you were to get married right now?
- Are you ready to get married? Why/why not?
- Is a romantic relationship at odds with self-care? If so, how?
- Who can you go to for help when you feel unhappy about your relationship?

## **ADD MORE PURPOSE TO YOUR RELATIONSHIP**

**IF YOU'RE IN A COMMITTED RELATIONSHIP, TRY ASKING EACH OTHER THESE DEEPER QUESTIONS ON YOUR NEXT DATE:**

- How would you define the "purpose" of your life?
- Where do you want to be in the next 3 years?
- Do you think it's possible to equally serve each other in our relationship? How would that look for us?
- How do you see me? What distorted expectations or experiences have shaped your view of me? What are you doing to re-shape a proper view?
- Is God first in your life? How so?
- What are ways you are looking to me to satisfy things that I may not actually be able to fulfill? Who can truly fulfill those things in your life?

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