### I SAID I DO - WEEK 3

# Pray first!

Dating...what does our culture teach us about this topic? What does God's Word say about it? What's the point of it? These are all questions that we will dive into in today's message as we hear from Pastor Jeff on the subject of dating and relationships.

How would you define dating?

What are some common cultural practices of dating in adolescence? In adulthood?

How do they align or misalign with God's plan for relationships?

### Watch the video

- What's something that stands out to you from today's message?
- Pastor Jeff shared some of his reasons for wanting to date as a teenager. When you
  were that age, what were some reasons you wanted to date? Or reasons that you
  chose not to date?
- Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-16. What does it mean to be 'yoked'?
- **Read 1 Corinthians 7:12-16.** What if a married couple does have differences in their beliefs? How can God work in that relationship?
- If you have children, have you talked with them about the topic of dating and marriage? If so, how did you approach it? If you haven't yet, when do you plan to start?
- Read 2 Timothy 2:22. What does God want us to pursue in our youth? Why?
- Read Matthew 6:33. In any relationship, what are believers to seek first? How will that change the trajectory of their experiences?

This week, pray for the single people in your life, whether adolescents or single adults. Encourage them in their singleness, to seek the Lord above all else, and to keep a commitment to pursuit of the virtues listed in 2 Timothy 2:22.

## Close in prayer

### For more during the week:

- 1 Corinthians 6:18
- Proverbs 4:23
- 1 Thessalonians 4:3-5