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Week 9- Dating

Principles:

- Dating is a process to make an informed decision on whom to marry.
 - Because we are in middle school and no where close to marriage, we should not be dating.
- You do stupid things when you like someone and someone likes you.
 - Things you do now in middle school will stay with you.
- God has hard wired you with the desire to connect so you would connect with him.
 - Only Jesus satisfies. Being in a relationship with Him is the only relationship that gives real life.

Small Group Questions:

- Why do you and other people in your school "date"? Are those good reasons to date? Why?
- In what ways are you tempted to find affirmation from guys/girls? What is something stupid you have done to get someone to like you? What does that show you about your heart?
- In what ways has connecting to people intimately already changed you?
- What does it mean that Jesus can satisfy your desire for connection and intimacy? Are there examples of this in your life?
- How do we build healthy sibling relationships with the opposite gender?
- Do you talk to older and wiser people about your feelings when it comes to guys and girls? Why or why not?
- How do you know if you have the "fresh, bubbling spring within you, giving you eternal life"?

Parent Questions

- What do you believe the point of dating is?
- Why do you think students at your school date? Are those good reasons?
- Are you tempted to want to date right now? If so, why is that?
- Is there someone you like and have feelings for right now? What does it look like to manage these feelings?
- Do you trust me to talk about your feelings about people? Why or why not?
- How can your relationships with friends help meet your need for connection right now without getting into a dating relationship? Your relationship with Jesus?