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We Can Support Dating Couples
by Dem·on·strat·ing ...the Value of Standards

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the past week (but save your prayer requests for the END of Pr'me)?
[Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
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- This Week's Object Lesson:
running laps in team *practice*...to develop endurance for the *match*
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: 2 Corinthians 6:14-18
Don't become partners with those who reject God. How can you make a partnership out of right and wrong? That's not partnership; that's war. Is light best friends with dark? Does Christ go strolling with the Devil? Do trust and mistrust hold hands? (v. 14-15, MSG)

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- If you played sports or trained for an event, did you have any unusual—or dreaded—practice habits or drills?
- Why does *practice* matter—even when it's hard?
- In the Point, we discussed four standards for dating couples. **Read each**, then (1)define it and (2)discuss how it continues into marriage.
 - *Spiritual Standards* –2 Corinthians 6:14-18
 - *Sexual Standards* –1 Thessalonians 4:3-8
 - *Commitment Standards* –1 Corinthians 7:8-9
 - *Connection Standards* -Hebrews 13:4; Genesis 2:24
- As the church, we should demonstrate the value of these standards:
 - *Show Your Example* –1 Corinthians 11:1
 - In 11:1b, what can everyone offer, despite age or “couple status”?
 - What are practical ways that we can be an example to “daters”?
 - *Share Your Stories* –Titus 2:1-8
 - List things that Paul specifically told Titus/others to demonstrate.
 - How can we do *each one* of these things in our setting today?
 - *Shout Your Failures* –1 John 1:8-10
 - Why is it important to be open about our failures?
 - How can we share our failures while not *celebrating* them?
- What one thing can you do this week for dating couples around you?

The Reinforcement (optional)

Use these questions for further discussion during your group, or at home

This week, we covered four *general* standards, but these verses have a lot of specifics. Re-read each passage, then list all of the *specific* instructions and how they apply to *your* current relationship status:

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