

Love & Relationships



Whether you are thinking about marriage, or have been married for a while, this session is about relationships and how God sees them. For a lot of people, the church's involvement in their marriage begins and ends with the ceremony, and many people of course choose not to have a religious ceremony, or to get married at all. However, God is interested in every area of our lives, including our relationships – He did after all create the very first couple, Adam and Eve!

Part one

Question 1. Where did you and your partner first meet?

Question 2. What do you think makes a relationship work?

Part Two

Bible reading, Song of Songs 8:6-7

Place me like a seal over your heart, like a seal on your arm; for love is as strong as death, its jealousy unyielding as the grave. It burns like blazing fire, like a mighty flame. Many waters cannot quench love; rivers cannot wash it away. If one were to give all the wealth of his house for love, it would be utterly scorned.

Question 1. Does it surprise you to read words like this in the Bible?

Question 2. Do you think God puts people together?

Question 3. Why do you think God wants us to be in loving relationships?

Question 4. How do you think God wants to support us in our relationships?

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It is a widely reported fact that more and more people are living alone, either by choice or because of circumstances. There are many reasons for this; divorce, bereavement, lone parenthood and less dependence on the extended family are among the reasons usually given. This, together with the fact that people are leading increasingly busy lives, making it harder to form real relationships with others, can lead to an increasing sense of isolation and loneliness. But it doesn't have to be like that, whatever our situation, there are ways of making contact with others and developing real friendships.



Part One

Question One. What are the restrictions in your life which prevent you from making the kind of relationships you want?

Question Two. What situations/occasions are most likely to cause you to feel lonely?

Part Two

Bible Reading; Psalm 145: 18-19

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfils the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them.

Question One. Do you think God is with us all the time?

Question Two. Have you ever tried talking to God? What stops you?

Question Three. One of the main functions of the church is what we call "fellowship", in other words, making friends. In what ways might you be able to make friends through the church? Is there anything that puts you off?

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