

Co-Ed Greek Relationship Study

Purpose: Sowing

Length: Five Weeks/45 Minute Sessions

Location: Sorority House

Participants: Freshman Pledges

Materials: Handouts, Pens/Pencils, DVD Clips/Player, TV

Format

Week 1: Love vs. Infatuation

Week 2: Differences Between Guys/Girls

Week 3: Sex

Week 4: The Dating Game

Week 5: Staff/Student Q&A Panel

Tips for Maximizing the Study

1. If you want to pass out cards at the end of the first session to develop contacts for the gospel, then go for it. That is your choice as the leader.
2. Remember, the study is just an avenue to build relationships and sow the gospel in one-to one's. The study may serve as an attractive front door to your campus ministry. It should also provide some very legitimate relationship wisdom for those wanting Godly wisdom on certain areas.
3. It is ideal if you could have the pledges eat at the sorority house at least twice during the study, if not more. This provides more social/relational opportunity for the staff/student leaders and for the pledges to have some fun.
4. It is ideal if a student leader or pledge trainer in the house introduces you the first week, recruits each week and participates each week in the study.
5. It is probably best to do the study 45 minutes before dinner or immediately following dinner for 45 minutes.
6. Movie Clips - While there is no nudity or sex, the scenes from "Can't Hardly Wait" and "How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days" have some edgy material and some profanity. If you are not comfortable showing this, then feel free to use something else or another part of the movie. The clips bring to bear the cultural standard. We hope to leave them with a clear standard from the Bible. Please review the clips before showing them in the study so you know when to begin and end the scenes.
7. Give away a date each week with a \$25.00 gift certificate to a restaurant or give away a book each week: dating, money, leadership, apologetics, etc.
8. The facilitator needs to follow the movie clip with a couple of transition questions. He/she should also summarize the breakout time and summarize the principles from the verses at the end of each study. The leaders **must** facilitate with excitement and energy (especially for The Dating Game).
9. If you have questions please call Clark Nolen at (479)871-5253, Melanie Alexander at (501)908-2527 or Erin Scoggins at (405)290-8790.
10. If you want to change or add some different questions, feel free to tailor them to your audience.

Week 1: Love vs. Infatuation

DVD Clip: *“Dumb and Dumber” (Scene 2 – Love at First Sight)*

Transition Questions for Large Group:

Was this love or infatuation? Describe the difference between love and infatuation.

Break Out Questions (Groups of 4 to 6):

1. Read the following scenarios and put an “L” or “I” next to them according to whether they describe love or infatuation:

- Comes suddenly; at first sight.
- Tends to narrow one’s interests and lessens one’s ambition.
- Causes one to think in terms of “we” rather than “I,” what we will do, what we want, how we feel.
- Produces eagerness to share thoughts, feelings and is interested in past and present experiences.
- Tends to produce a willingness to share future plans and dreams.
- Is based on physical attraction or sex appeal primarily.
- Tends to keep one self-centered; absorbed in one’s own interests, wants concerns and plans.
- Willingness to face personal faults and short-comings and problems frankly, to meet trouble head on and try to solve them together for their mutual benefit.
- Produces feelings of self-confidence or self-esteem, of trust, of security, and a sense of successful achievement.
- Disappears suddenly, unexpectedly; usually lasts for only a few weeks.

2. Have you experienced a relationship of love or infatuation? Share about it.
3. Your boyfriend/girlfriend goes to study with his/her cute lab partner instead of going to the movie with you. How would you handle this situation?
4. What are the benefits of trusting the person you’re dating?
5. Read I Corinthians 13:4-8a. What is love? What is not love?
6. What does it mean to keep no record of wrongs?
7. Which of the love characteristics in I Corinthians do you most need to grow in?

What the Bible says about love and infatuation:

“Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.”

I Corinthians

13:4-8a

“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we love God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

4:9-11

Week 2: Differences Between Guys and Girls

DVD Clip: *“How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days” (Scene 12 – Our Family Album or Scene 13 – Boy’s Night)*

Transition Questions for Large Group:

Have you experienced something similar? What are some differences from the clip?

Break Out Questions (Groups of 4 to 6):

1. When girls make a decision, is it more important how they feel or what they think?
How do guys make decisions?
2. How do girls look at relationships compared to how guys look at relationships?
Who usually gets serious first? Why do guys tend to be afraid of commitment and girls tend to want commitment?
3. Why do girls feel the need to make a bad guy good? Why do guys want to date the wild girls and marry the good girls?
4. How do guys and girls view these concepts differently?
Shopping
Sports
Dating
Marriage
5. Do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
*Guys’ greatest emotional needs are respect and significance.
*Girls’ greatest emotional needs are security and companionship.
*Guys are conquerors and girls are nurturers.
6. How do the differences in guys and girls complement one another? Share some examples.
7. What is one quality that is most attractive to you in the opposite sex?
8. What is one quality that is the most annoying to you in the opposite sex?

What the Bible says about differences in men and women:

“For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”
Psalm 139:13-16

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created him.”
Genesis 1:27

Week 3: Sex

DVD Clip: “*Can’t Hardly Wait*” (Scenes 8 – *The Next Guy* and 23 – *Pillow Talk*)

Transition Questions for Large Group:

How would you describe Kenny’s view of sex? What were their reactions to their sexual encounter?

Break Out Questions (Groups of 4-6):

1. What is it about being in love that makes sex seem okay?
5. What are some consequences of sex outside of marriage?
6. What are some benefits of not having sex before marriage?
7. If sex feels so good, why would God commend us not to do it at an age when you want it the most?
8. Is there ever a situation where sex before marriage is okay?
9. How far is too far? Where is the line?
10. How much authority do you give the Bible in this area? Discuss your thoughts on the verses below.
8. What do you do if you have already messed up it in this area?

What the Bible says about sex:

“It is God’s will that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God.”

I Thessalonians 4:3-5

“But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God’s holy people.”

Ephesians 5:3

Hebrews 13:4

Proverbs 5:18-19?

Song of Solomon 7:8-9

Week 4: The Dating Game

Participants: Three Girls/One Guy or Three Guys/One Girl

Questions:

1. If you could have a superpower, what would it be and why?
2. What actor/actress do you most look like and why?
3. What is your idea of the perfect romantic date?
4. What is your most embarrassing body feature and why?
5. What fad are you the most embarrassed about partaking in?
6. What was the last movie that made you cry?
7. Who did you vote for Bush or Kerry ? And why?
7. Please serenade me with a verse from your favorite love song?

Week 5: Staff/Student Q & A Panel

Suggested Questions:

1. How do you feel about dating freely without any intentions of marrying the person?
2. How can you remain friends with someone after you break up?
3. What are some things we should look for in a future mate?
4. How do you handle conflict in your relationship?
5. What are some things that keep your marriage together?
6. How do you know who is the one? How did you know?
7. What are some things that we can do to stay pure in dating relationships?
8. Share your engagement story.
9. Other questions?