# ESSENTIALS OF DATING & ENGAGEMENT

### 1. FRIENDSHIP

- Ecclesiastes 8:15, Proverbs 27:17
  - What things do you enjoy doing together?
  - $\circ$   $\;$  What things are important for your potential spouse to do with you?

## 2. BELIEFS

- 2 Corinthians 6:14, Galatians 5:22
  - $\circ$   $\;$  How have you been growing in your relationship with Jesus?

### 3. FUTURE

- Luke 14:28, Proverbs 16:3
  - What goals, ambitions or values do you have in life?

### 4. FAITHFULNESS

- Luke 16:10, Psalm 85:10
  - Have you struggled with doubting your potential spouse's faithfulness? What things contribute to that? (Past relationships, past hurts, personal anxiety, etc.)

## 5. FAMILY

- Genesis 2:24
  - What does your family of origin culture look like? (Values, traditions, roles, etc.)

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### 6. MONEY

- 1 Timothy 6:17-18
  - What personal financial realities do you need to make your current/future partner aware of?

### 7. AUTHENTICITY

- Philippians 2:2
  - Does your potential spouse know your coming-to-faith story? Have you let them into the good and hard experiences of your life?

### 8. SEX

- Song of Songs 3:5
  - Have you shared about your past/current sexual experiences and/or struggles?
  - Does your relationship (with self or others) currently align with God's design for sex? Are there things you need to start or stop doing?

#### 9. COMMUNICATION

- Colossians 3:13-14
  - What makes you feel heard by someone?
  - What are your tendencies in conflict? (Confront, withdraw, ignore, etc.)

#### 10. ACCOUNTABILITY

- Proverbs 18:1, Song of Songs 1:4b
  - Who are the people in your life that you can talk honestly about your relationship with? Do you and your potential spouse agree on those people?