

Dating (a 5-week GGC Gospel Growth series)

Week 5: Compatibility & the Glory of God

The goal of compatibility

Colossians 1:28 “Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, **that we may present everyone mature in Christ.**”

Ephesians 5:25-27 “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and **gave himself up for her**, that **he might sanctify her**, having **cleansed her by the washing of water with the word**, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be **holy and without blemish.**”

1. Marriage compatibility is about serving together
2. Marriage compatibility is about loving a stranger
3. Marriage compatibility is about two different perspectives
4. Marriage compatibility is about two sets of strengths
5. Marriage compatibility is about a family for God’s glory

Biblical advice if you break up.

- **Fight Bitterness**
Hebrews 12:15 “See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no ‘root of bitterness’ springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled.”
- **Display Christian Love**
1 Corinthians 13:7 “Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”
- **Preach truth to yourself**
Romans 12:21 “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”
Ephesians 4:32 “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”
- **Hope in God**
Psalm 27:13-14
I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!
Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!
- **Psalm 42:5**
Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.