

IT'S COMPLICATED - Week 2

Life Group Notes



CONNECT QUESTIONS

What is your all-time favourite movie?

If you could choose to meet a character out of a fairy tale – who would you want to meet – and why?

HAPPILY, EVER AFTER! We all have ideas of what we think our “happily ever after” should look like – and there is a danger if things don’t work out the way we plan, that we can carry disappointment or disillusionment. To avoid these pitfalls, there are some solid truths that we can build our lives on:

1. God is good! Do you truly believe that God is good? Has this ever been challenged in your life – how did you respond?

2. God has a good plan for my life! Check out **Jeremiah 29:11** and **Psalms 31:19**. This can be easy to believe when things are going well in our lives, but slightly more challenging in the face of disappointment and reversals. On Sunday Mitch talked about the loudest voice getting the most attention – how do we ensure that God’s plans for us are the loudest voice we hear, even when the going is tough?

3. We are called to be fruitful in every season! Check out **Psalms 1:2-3** and **Romans 8:28**. What do you think this means? How do you think you are doing on producing fruit – what are some of the challenges you face?

Consider the woman at the well – she had an encounter with Jesus and it radically transformed her life (see **John 4**). She was looking for love in all the wrong places, and not finding the fulfillment or satisfaction she was looking for. Jesus offered her living water – real love – and it radically transformed her life. How do we guard ourselves from the same traps that this woman faced – looking for love/meaning/fulfillment in the wrong places?

Remember Ruth – she waited patiently for her Boaz – she didn't settle for second best – none of that lyin-az, poor-az, cheatin-az, dumb-az, drunk-az, cheap-az, goodfornothing-az, lazy-az, beatinyou-az! Wait on your Boaz and he'll respect yo-az!!! What are some keys to avoid settling for second best? What about keys to waiting if your "Boaz" hasn't arrived?

If we are wanting to meet the man or woman of our dreams (or have already met them), first we must become the man or woman that we are dreaming of! We should become the best version of ourselves! How do we maintain ourselves physically? Spiritually? Emotionally?

We should look to God to complete us and to make us whole! No other person can do that for us – we are not half-people = we are whole people! What does this statement mean to you?

There is no hierarchy when it comes to our marital status – often we think marriage is at the top, followed by single, then widow, then however, this is just not true! Paul talks about the single life as being a gift (**1 Corinthians 7:7-9**) and as being advantageous (**1 Corinthians 7:32-35**). What stands out to you from these verses?

The single life (or in fact any life status) can be challenging, however it is an opportunity to demonstrate a radical dependence on God! Check out **John 13:34**. We are part of God's family – we should look out for one another and love one another! How can the love and security you experience be an encouragement to those around you?

PRAYER

Pray for the singles in your group – that God would watch over them, love them and protect them.

Pray for opportunities to point people to Jesus this week – and to demonstrate true love!