



# LIFEGROUPS

Series: *The Meaning  
of Intimacy*

Message: *Why Wait?*

Scripture:  
*Song of Songs 2:3-3:5*

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—[ LET'S START ]—

Pastor Dale talked about how things have changed over time. At one time, marriages were *arranged* by the parents. Later in history, the idea of *courtship* began. The concept of *dating* did not appear in writing until 1914, and now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century things have shifted to *hooking up*. Find a partner and discuss what societal changes have contributed to these changes.

—[ LET'S TALK ]—

1. Pastor Dale commented on some of the “fake news” going around regarding marriage, and he shared some statistics. What misunderstandings and interpretations were of interest to you? Explain.
2. Researchers Popenoe and Whitehead conclude that both men and women today see marriage not as a way of creating character and community, but as a way to reach personal life goals. They are looking for a marriage partner who will *fulfill their emotional, sexual and spiritual desires*. It is called the “Me Marriage” because this marriage is about **me** not about **us**. What does this expectation mean regarding intimacy in a marriage?
3. Cohabitation may appear to be more of a commitment than hooking up, however, in either case, both individuals are keeping their options open. Is that really a commitment? Expand upon your answer.
4. “Marriage is a promise of future love.” What insight does that statement provide for you? Why?

