

# **North Coast Church Single Adult Ministry**

## **PERSPECTIVE ON DATING**

1. God is a Loving God and wants our best; his principles are for our protection not our punishment.
2. In matters of moral purity, our leaders are held to a higher standard than those who are merely attending a Life Group or service.
3. All relationships model behavior to others, some good and some not so good. Leaving the ministry or Life Group as soon as you find a relationship weakens and short changes everyone.
4. Dating in groups is a better and safer option until it is clear from the Lord it is time to move into an exclusive relationship.
5. Emotional and Spiritual intimacy is available to all single adults while God's plan for all sexual intimacy is reserved for marriage. If a leader falls into sexual sin, they will be asked to step down from their leaders or serving position for a period of time with the ultimate goal of restoration.
6. We encourage people who are dating to consider that person as a sister or brother first and foremost.
7. We encourage our leaders to follow through with their leadership commitments when entering a relationship. Dropping out of leadership prematurely is usually harmful to both the individual and the ministry.
8. Cohabitation is a bad idea, those who do not only hurt themselves but forfeit the privilege of leading or serving within our ministry.
9. Anyone who uses the Single Adult Ministry as a "meet market", and demonstrates themselves as a threat, will be asked to leave.