What do you see as the purpose of dating? Do the two people intending to go on a date get to set the purpose or is there something objective and outside the whims of those involved?

How important do you think it is to “define the relationship” or to be clear with one another what you are in relation to each other (friends, hanging out, dating, BF/GF, Batman/Robin, etc,)? When do you think that conversation should happen?

Have you ever been asked out in person – or asked someone else out face-to-face? Is this something still done, or even aspired to? What are the benefits and limits of approaching some directly like this?

What have your parents ever taught you about dating, either through their words (including “the talk”) or through their actions? What haven’t they taught you that you wish you knew?

Fr. Mike Schmitz references that their used to be a “script” for dating, which laid out how to ask someone out, when and how to plan a date, and what happened during such a date. What is the modern-day script for dating or how relationships begin? Are you happy with this script? If YOU could write the script, how would it read?

Have you ever found yourself on an acci-date, where one party thought it was a date and the other thought it was just a friendship or hanging out? Why do you think such “dates” happen?

Do you think friendship should precede a dating or romantic relationship? Can you or should you date someone who you do not know as a friend?

I have a problem with the concept of “friend-zoning” – which implies that (usually guys) have a right to be involved romantically with a girl because they have a close friendship, but the girl doesn’t want more than a friendship. Can guys and girls be friends without romantic undertones (or sexual tension)? Why do you think that is?

What role do your friends have in your relationship decision making? How much should they factor into your dating life? Is there anything they should not be able to comment on in your relationship?

The rise of apps like Tinder (and really all social media) have reduced the dating selection process to looks, snappy texts, and a cursory acceptance or dismissal of someone based solely on their social profile. Is this a good model for meeting people? Where do you think are the best places to meet potential mates?

What para-relationship things (who pays for what, how often you talk & hang out, how quickly the relationship moves, expectations of sex & physicality, etc.) most complicate serious relationships? Why is that? How can you navigate these issues? How can we (as friends or YoCoS adults) help you navigate them?



**“Genuine love is demanding
but its BEAUTY lies precisely
 in the demands it makes.”**

- Pope St. John Paul II