

Overview & Discussion Sheets

# Turn Signals

**Main Idea:** Love signals its intentions clearly & accurately



**Key Verse(s):** Ephesians 5:25;  
1 Thessalonians 4:1-10; Romans 12:9-10

**Summary:** It is easy to see that improper use of turn signals while driving is dangerous and can cause damaging collisions. The same is true of inaccurate and lack of clear signaling in opposite sex relationships. It is fun to flirt and “leave our turn signals on” even when we have no intention of “turning”(pursuing a relationship). Inaccurate signaling is incredibly selfish and is the exact opposite of the selfless love God calls us to show each other.

## Discussion Questions:

What are the two categories of opposite sex relationships, as defined in this series?

*Answer: Friendship & Romantic.*

Could you relate to Brad’s story about inaccurate signaling?

- Have you ever led anyone on like that?
- Have you ever experienced being led on like that?

Why is it important to accurately signal?

Are there any ways you need to signal more accurately? If so, what is the appropriate and loving way to make this change?

# Destination

**Main Idea:** Marriage is a gift from God in which He unites two individuals and joins them together in a mystical union called “one flesh”.

**Key Verse(s):** Mark 10:2-9; Genesis 2:24; Ephesians 5:31-32

**Summary:** Since relationships in the romantic category should be considering marriage, it is important that we understand what marriage is.

Most importantly, we need to know how God views marriage and what His purposes are for it.

## Discussion Questions:

What can we learn from Mark 10:6-9 about marriage?

- What does “one flesh” mean? Why does Jesus repeat it?
- What part does God play according to verse 9?

What are some of the purposes God has for marriage?



# Stoplights

**Main Idea:** Pay attention to the stoplights God has given that should guide when and whom we date.

**Key Verse(s):** Colossians 3:20;  
2 Corinthians 6:14-15;

Ephesians 5:33; Ephesians 5:21-26; Galatians 5:22-23



**Summary:** Just as it is very dangerous to ignore stoplights while driving, so it is very dangerous to ignore the “stoplights” God has given in His Word that affect guy/girl relationships.

## Discussion Questions:

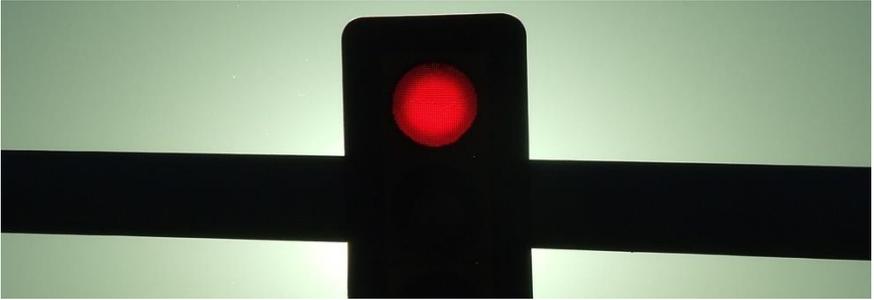
Can you list the five “stoplights” given in this series?

*Answer:*

1. *Parental Authority*
2. *Don't Be Unequally Yoked*
3. *The Love & Respect Requirement*
4. *Willingness to Fulfill The Leader & Helper Roles*
5. *The Fruit of The Spirit Test*

Describe how each of these should affect the when and/or whom of dating.

# Waiting at Red Lights



**Main Idea:** We have a loving, wise, and trustworthy God who uses times of waiting for our good.

**Key Verse(s):** Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 40:12-31; James 1:3

**Summary:** When we pay attention to and obey the “stoplights” God has given, there are often times of waiting at “red lights”. It can be really difficult to trust the Lord in these times and it is important to remember why we can have complete confidence in Him. A brief glimpse of His greatness, all surpassing wisdom, and love, quickly puts us back in our place and convinces us that He is more than worthy of our trust. He is a God who uses even the difficult times of waiting for our good!

## **Discussion Questions:**

Why can God be trusted in times of waiting?

What are some illustrations from the Bible, your life, or other’s lives, that give evidence that His timing is good and that He is trustworthy?

# Guardrails

**Main Idea:** Our focus should be on running from sexual sin instead of trying to figure out how close we can get to it unharmed.



**Key Verse(s):** 1 Corinthians 6:18-20; Ephesians 5:3; 2 Timothy 2:22

**Summary:** Just as guardrails are needed to protect us from the dangerous cliffs on mountain roads, so “guardrails” are needed to protect us from the dangerous temptations of sexual sin. These “guardrails” need to be put in place before the danger exists, they need to be solid and unmovable, and they should be inside the safe zone.

## **Discussion Questions:**

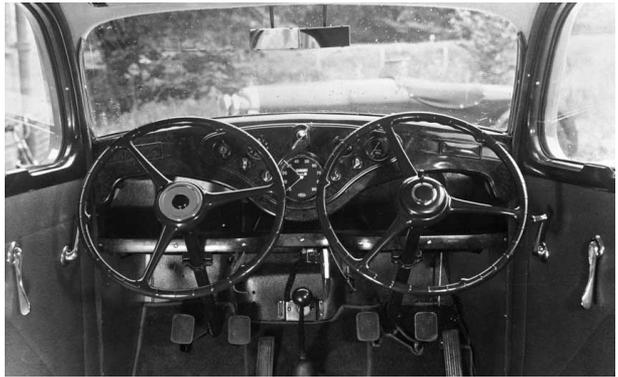
When do you need to put “guardrails” in place?

What are some “guardrails” you need to have to assist you in running from sexual sin?

How can you make them solid/secure? Who can provide consistent and motivating accountability?

# Steering

**Main Idea:** It is important that our intellect is guiding our decisions regarding opposite sex relationships instead of our feelings, emotions, and senses.



**Key Verse(s):** Romans 7:25; Galatians 5:22-23; Proverbs 25:28

**Summary:** Though feelings, emotions, and senses are all good and gifts from God, they should not be steering us. Self-control is when our intellect is steering us and is in control of our feelings, emotions, and senses instead of the other way around. Notice that Satan never appeals to our intellect in temptation but instead directs his attack to our senses. David's sin with Bathsheba is a perfect example of this. The temptation didn't appeal to David's intellect by trying to convince him that it was a good idea to sleep with another man's wife or that God would be pleased with these actions. David's intellect would have easily rejected these suggestions. Instead, the temptation appealed to David's senses when he saw Bathsheba bathing and it was his senses that were steering him when he slept with her.

## **Discussion Questions:**

Can you think of some illustrations from your life where your senses directed you? What about times when your intellect overcame your senses and directed what you did?

What are some ways to avoid being directed by your senses?