

MYTHS and MISCONCEPTIONS

Copy the questions below onto **chalkboard** or **newsprint**. Then divide into pairs and invite each pair to pick one of the questions to discuss.

- How does what we look for in friends differ from what we look for in someone to date?
- From your own experience, name the biggest misconception you think people have about dating.
- What gives a person the power to say, "I'm not ready to date" or "I'm not interested in dating right now"?

- What's the best and worst thing about dating?

Give partners 3-5 minutes, then ask each pair to join with another pair to form a group of four. Give these instructions: Share with your new group one insight you gained in your pair. Then pick one new question to discuss in your group of four. Give groups 5-10 minutes, then ask each group of four to join with another group of four. Give the same instructions. After 10 minutes, regather the large group.

Ask:

- What myths or misconceptions about dating did your pairs or groups identify?
- What was the best thing you heard about dating?