

the
great **Group**
Datexperience

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS
GREAT DATERS!**

This Great Date is all about the

GIFT

**Generosity, Intentionality,
Fun, and Togetherness.**

It's the first-ever Great **Group** Date
Experience. Find a couple of
your favorite married
friends to experience
this date
together.



Host a potluck dinner or meet up at a restaurant you all love. Once your group is assembled, start your Great Group Date Experience by generously complimenting each person at the table as a group.

Now some questions to get us in the Christmas spirit:

1. What was your favorite childhood Christmas present?
2. What food HAS to be on the table during Christmas?
3. If price were no object, what would you buy your spouse that could fit in a small box? In a large box?

Everyone loves this next game, *Would you rather...*

- Buy all the gifts or wrap all the gifts?
- Hang the Christmas lights outside or hold the ladder?
- Cook a holiday meal or clean up after it's all been eaten?

****Before you start on 1,** incorporate one of these phrases into a conversation with either your server or dinner host: "The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear." "I never eat December snowflakes. I always wait until January." "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas."





At the heart of most great gifts is intentional generosity. You can give away time, money or talents. Go around the table and have the person to your right answer the following *Would you rather* questions:

Have an extra hour in your day for service or an extra \$100 a week to give away?

Serve where there's a need or serve where your talents fit the need?

Use a week's vacation to serve a charity locally or globally?



One reason we wanted you to experience a group date is that it's often easier to be generous alongside other people.

I Timothy 6:18 says, ***“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.”***

Pool your resources and/or time to benefit someone in your community. Do you know someone who has lost a loved one this year, lost a job, or has a chronic illness in the family?

****Sometimes intentional generosity is best expressed anonymously. Write someone a thank you note or a word of encouragement, but don't sign it. Have your group fill it with cash or a gift card.**

Before you start on **F**, order dessert. Make sure it's from the four main food groups: “candy, candy canes, candy corn, and syrup!” Can anyone name what movie that is from?

F

We hope everyone is being generous and sharing their dessert. Everything is more fun when sharing with others.

1. What is the most fun gift you've given your spouse?
2. What movie makes you laugh out loud?
3. In 20 years, what will a fun holiday look like?

Would you rather...

- Celebrate Christmas at the beach or in the snowy mountains?
- Open presents on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning?
- Tear into your packages or save the wrapping for another use?

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Take a picture in front of some Christmas decorations. Save it and make it your wallpaper until the New Year begins.



****It's now the time to say so long, farewell, auf
weidersehen, goodbye to your group date and
focus on the fun you can have as husband and wife!**

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Togetherness—the date began with a great group but it's ending with just the two of you. As you head home, consider how powerful generosity can be in a marriage. Be your spouse's biggest cheerleader by being generous with your words, your actions, and your affections.

1. What is the most powerful example of generosity you've seen in your spouse?
2. What's something you could do to display greater generosity on an ongoing basis to your spouse?

Would you rather...

- Get a shout out from your spouse in front of 1000 people or have them write you a poem?
- Your spouse take you on your dream vacation or buy you your dream car?
- Go on three "Great Dates" a year or make weekly dates a habit in your marriage?
(We hope #2 happens!!!)

****Be generous for the next week and take over one chore around the house for your spouse. (Let your sweetheart choose which chore to give up!) It might just be the gift that keeps on giving...
"OH, YEAH!"**

