



Discussion Guide

Ice Breaker: Have you ever invented a fairly unique meal or snack? Would you share it next week with your group?

1. What is our society's view of marriage? Read Genesis 2:24 and Matthew 19:3-6. How do these passages speak to the permanence of marriage? How does divorce impact individuals, families, and our society?
2. Pastor Tom said, "The real work in any marriage isn't before the wedding ceremony, it's afterwards." Have you seen this truth in your own life? What challenges, trials, and situations come along that can impact a marriage? How does commitment to permanence impact how we approach these challenges, trials and situations?
3. Pastor Tom mentions that there needs to be a commitment to celebration in marriage. Read Proverbs 5:15-19. In our busy lives it can be easy to put fun on the backburner, even sexual enjoyment with your spouse. Why is celebration in marriage an important priority? How do we prioritize what is important?
4. Pastor Tom explained that it is important for spouses to grow personally and not just depend on the other person's strengths to compensate for weaknesses. What things do you do to promote growth in your own life? What things can a couple do that encourage personal growth?
5. Pastor Tom pointed out that adultery will not reduce your pain; it will only ultimately magnify and multiply your pain. Read Proverbs 6:32-33 and 5:20-23. How do these passages speak to this reality?
6. Read Proverbs 15:22. What does this passage say about seeking wise counsel? Why is seeking outside counsel, for our marriages, wise?

Personal Guide

Day 1: Read Genesis 2:21-25

Day 2: Read Matthew 19:3-6

Day 3: Read Proverbs 5:15-19

Day 4: Read Proverbs 5:20-23

Day 5: Read Proverbs 6:32-33

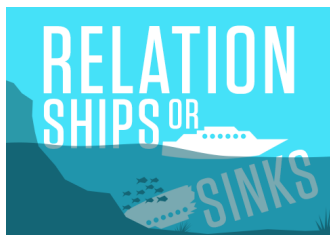
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MESSAGE NOTES

...how can we _____ what is actually true?

The eternal wisdom found in Proverbs give us some very clear-cut and simple principles about marriage that are easy to understand, and if taken seriously and put into practice, will _____ our lives, our marriages, our communities, and our culture.

1. Commitment to _____ (note Proverbs 5:18-19)

When marriages are not permanent, most other things in a society tend to _____.

Note Genesis 2:24 and Matthew 19:3-6

The real _____ in any marriage isn't before the wedding ceremony, it's afterwards.

Without a commitment to permanence in marriage...challenges, trials, and situations can tend to wear down a marriage relationship, and become the poorly _____ justifications for ending a marriage.

2. Commitment to _____ (note Proverbs 5:15-19)

God created marriage to be meaningful, fulfilling, and yes, _____.

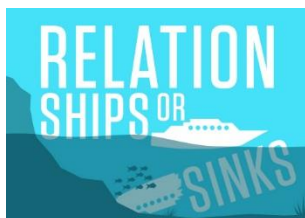
A marriage relationship should not be a war zone marked by occasional _____, or some type of agreed-to peaceful co-existence.

- A. Each partner needs to _____ personally. It's not enough to depend on our spouses' strengths to _____ for our weaknesses and vice-versa. Our strengths can encourage our partner to _____ growth in their own lives, but it cannot substitute for it.
- B. Regular i _____ - don't let neglect and apathy make your marriage a spiritual and emotional _____.
- C. Avoid _____ (note Proverbs 5:20-23; 6:32-33) - in its _____ is nothing but anger, hurt, guilt, and two broken families (plus other hurt individuals and families). It will not reduce your _____; it will only ultimately magnify and multiply your _____. Note Proverbs 5:15-17
- D. Stop for _____ - every couple may hit some unfamiliar _____ in their relationship, or need some direction. Nothing is more satisfying than to be traveling down the right road and headed for the right d _____.

In a world full of opinions, God's wisdom and truth matter:

- So are we embracing God's _____ principles for our marriage (or future marriage)?

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey. You can also use the Connect Card to let us know about your commitment, too!



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...how can we discern what is actually true?

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1. Commitment to Permanence (note Proverbs 5:18-19)

When marriages are not permanent, most other things in a society tend to unravel.

Note Genesis 2:24 and Matthew 19:3-6

The real work in any marriage isn't before the wedding ceremony, it's afterwards.

Without a commitment to permanence in marriage...challenges, trials, and situations can tend to wear-down a marriage relationship and become the poorly disguised justifications for ending a marriage.

2. Commitment to Celebration (note Proverbs 5:15-19)

God created marriage to be meaningful, fulfilling, and yes, fun.

A marriage relationship should not be a war zone marked by occasional truces, or some type of agreed-to peaceful co-existence.

- A. Each partner needs to grow personally – it's not enough to depend on our spouses' strengths to compensate for our weaknesses and vice-versa. Our strengths can encourage our partner to pursue growth in their own lives, but it cannot substitute for it.
- B. Regular investments – don't let neglect and apathy make your marriage a spiritual and emotional wasteland.
- C. Avoid adultery (note Proverbs 5:20-23; 6:32-33) – in its wake is nothing but anger, hurt, guilt, and two broken families (plus other hurt individuals and families). It will not reduce your pain; it will only ultimately magnify and multiply your pain. Note Proverbs 5:15-17
- D. Stop for directions – every couple may hit some unfamiliar territory in their relationship or need some direction. Nothing is more satisfying than to be traveling down the right road and headed for the right destination.

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