

THE FOUNDATION OF MARRIAGE

YOU. ME. WE. – PART 1 – LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- You can find some on page 6 [here](#).
- What is the best real marriage you have seen? Why?
- What is the best fictitious marriage you have seen/read? Why?

START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- How would you define the word, “marriage?”
- Pastor Mark said, “Next to Christ, marriage is the most important decision you will ever make.” How much do you agree with this assessment?
- Pastor Mark shared that, “a perfectly compatible person” does not exist? How do you feel about that statement?

START SHARING. CHOOSE QUESTIONS THAT CREATE OPENNESS.

- How can self-centeredness hinder the health of a marriage?
- What are some unfair expectations you’ve put on your spouse, or future spouse?
- Read Ephesians 5:21. Why do you think that we as humans so resistant to submit?
- Pastor Mark shared how the Gospel helps explain marriage. Talk about the similarities between a healthy marriage and the Gospel.

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father, forgive me for ever thinking someone else could replace You, and for burdening them with that unrealistic pressure. Help me focus more on my own self-centeredness, and not my spouse’s, or my future spouse’s. You alone are my Savior and complete me. Amen.

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Before criticizing, complaining, or condemning your spouse, or close friend this week, ask yourself, “What is the upside to their side, and the down side to my side?”

SCRIPTURES

Ephesians 5:21 (NIV)

²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV)

⁴ Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.

⁵ It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

⁶ Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

⁷ It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Matthew 16:25 (NIV)

²⁵ For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it.