

THE DEFINITION OF MARRIAGE

YOU. ME. WE. – PART 2 – LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- You can find some on page 6 [here](#).
- What is the first contract you ever remember signing or agreeing to?

START THINKING. ASK QUESTIONS TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Sunday we shared a definition of marriage: What you do like about it? What do you think is missing from it?

Marriage is a legal public permanent and exclusive promise to share every part of your life with someone else

- There are lots of different definitions of contract and covenant. How do you discern the difference between the two?
- If you heard someone say, “I think marriage is just an unnecessary piece of paper, what do you think?” What would your respond be?
- Pastor Mark said that “a marriage is MORE intimate because it is legal.” Agree, disagree, and why?

START SHARING. CHOOSE QUESTIONS THAT CREATE OPENNESS.

- If married, how does your spouse most honor God by loving you when they least feel like it. Be specific, if you would.
- An example was shared about how marriage is like a big truck driving over an old bridge, causing creaks and groans. How has the “truck” of marriage brought you into confrontation with yourself?
- Marriage is about confrontation and not circumvention. Why is circumvention not a good trait in a marriage? (hint: we are called to love each other to holiness. If your closest friend can’t nudge you, who can?)

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.

- Muster up the courage to ask your spouse, “What is an area that you are hesitant to help me grow, because you are fearful of my reaction?”

SCRIPTURES

Ephesians 5:26 (NIV)

to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

Ephesians 5:31 (NIV)

"For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh."