# THE PRIORITY OF MARRIAGE

YOU. ME. WE. - PART 3 - LIFEGROUP QUESTIONS

## START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- You can find some on page 6 here.
- Who was your best friend at age 10? Why do you think they were your best friend?

#### **START THINKING.** ASK QUESTIONS TO GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- Do you believe most couples marry their best friend? Why or why not?
- What were you looking for in a spouse before you got married? Single? What are you looking for in a future spouse?
- "Your spouse must be the number one priority in your life." How do you manage the tension if you have a demanding job, or children, who are asking for priority? Do I use my children/job/other as a spouse substitute?

#### **START SHARING.** CHOOSE QUESTIONS THAT CREATE OPENNESS.

- What priority does my marriage, or future marriage, have right now? How is it lived out?
- What did you do this past week that strengthened your marital friendship? Single? How have you seen married couples strengthen their friendships?
- How has your personality changed since you got married? Single? How have you seen marriage couples, parents, change since their marriage?
- Based on your marriage, or what you've seen of marriages, what would you say if someone asked you,
  "What is the best way to stay in love with your spouse?"
- Read Genesis 2:24. What does it mean to leave your father and mother?
- Has my spouse role dethroned my role as a child of my parents?
- How easy is it for most couples to leave their father and mother? How was it, or will it be, for you?

#### **START PRAYING**. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

• Father, You are first in my life. Remind me that if I am married, that I am not second, my spouse is. Thank you for each and every other blessing, including children and/or career. Give me courage to not let those blessings take priority over my spouse. Amen.

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

 Write down the top 5 answers to the question, "How am I making my marriage, or future marriage, a priority." If you can't name 5, it is time to change priorities.

## **SCRIPTURES**

### 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."