

THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE

YOU. ME. WE. – PART 4 – 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.

- Why is friendship the best purpose for marriage, as opposed to procreation, romance, survival, etc?
- What is the best marriage you know? Why do you think it is so strong?

START SHARING. CHOOSE QUESTIONS THAT CREATE OPENNESS.

- Four characteristics of friendship were shared: Consistency. Honesty. Vulnerability. Blessing.
- Which of the four is the one you value/would value most in a spouse? Why?
- Which of the four is the one you struggle with being to your spouse?
- "The Christian Marriage is not a romantic fireplace, but a purifying furnace." Agree/disagree?
- Future Spouse Test Question #1 – "Can this person understand me to the core?" How does being understood help you in a marriage?
- Future Spouse Test Question #2 – "Does this person have the same horizon?" Why is having a similar horizon considered a requirement for a marriage?

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Father, my plans frequently conflict with Your purposes. Remind me that you are the Creator, and I am the Creation. I submit to Your purposes for my life, my spouse, and everything else that I mistakenly use the pronoun "mine" to describe. Amen.

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

- Do one thing this week to keep my spouse my friend, and not just my life partner for sex, business, and parenting.

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."