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SERIES: Relationships—Gaining Traction in Our Relationships, Part 2

Message: “Holy Matrimony”

PRAYER: God, you are glorious and for the gift of partnership, friendship, fellowship and marriage, we give you praise. Empower us now to grow in our relationships that we might always give you the glory. We need you to work on us, work in us and then work through us. In Jesus’ Name, we pray. Amen.

ICEBREAKER: Name a funny moment or romantic story from when you and your spouse were dating.

1. Why do you think God created marriage? (Why wasn’t it good for man to be alone? Why is it important to have God at the center of marriage? What has God revealed to you or taught you through marriage?)
2. What biblical principles are essential to a strong marriage? Most of us know intellectually what a good marriage looks like so why don’t we always take the necessary steps to work towards it? If someone considering marriage were to ask you about the pros and cons of marriage, what would you say?
3. How do we maintain the positive image of marriage and keep marriage a priority amidst a culture that bashes it? Have each person write what the top three things they think their spouse appreciates and makes them feel loved/respected. In what ways can you improve your marriage and make God more a focus in your marriage?
4. What do you think causes the high divorce rate in our country? What are the positives in staying unmarried vs getting married? There is a book called Sacred Marriage that asks the question, “What if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy?” Would you agree?

CHALLENGE: Take some time to talk to married people about the positives and sacrifices marriage involves. This will help you as you seek to find a marriage partner or choose not to marry.

CHAMPION TIP: Take time as a group and pray for married couples and those planning to be married.