

Small Group Discussion Questions

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The Marriage Experts – Part 2 Understanding The Man

Intro: We all know what a great wedding looks like but have you ever witnessed a great marriage? More importantly, have you ever experienced a great marriage? Maybe most of us don't even know what make a marriage great or if it even matters. In this series we'll explore what makes a marriage great, and why that matters to everyone.

Just For Fun:

1. If your spouse was an *animal*, what would they be? Explain.

Discussion Questions:

2. Read Colossians 3:12-14. Have each person in the group identify *one principle of a successful marriage* from these verses.

3. In this message we learned about four kinds of Destructive Husbands: *dominant, passive, immoral, and distracted*. What kind of effects can each one have on a marriage?

4. Dwight stated that a husband desires *respect and honor*. Why do you think this is missing in most marriages? How could respect be practiced *privately* and *publically* in a marriage?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 7:4-5. What are some common obstacles to *sexual fulfillment* in marriage? How can these be overcome?

6. Since men desire a *recreational companion*, think of several activities you and your spouse could do together. What did you do for recreation while you were dating your spouse?

7. Dwight stated that men desire an *attractive spouse*. Why do you think this is important? How can wives make this a priority without developing an unhealthy emphasis on outward beauty?

If you forget everything else, remember:

"The goal of marriage is to become a best friend to your spouse." – Dwight Mason

Verse to remember:

"Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds us all together in perfect harmony."

– Colossians 3:12-14