

Small Group Discussion Questions

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The Marriage Experts – Part 3 Understanding The Woman

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 *automobile*, what would they be? Explain.

Discussion Questions:

2. This week we learned the 4 types of *destructive wives: dominant, enabler, distracted, & emotional*. Think of an example of one of these and describe the negative impact it has on their home.

3. Read the instructions given to husbands in 1 Peter 3:7. What thought impacts you from this verse? Why?

4. Dwight stated that *affection is the atmosphere and sex is the event*. Since women desire affection, name several ways husbands can create this atmosphere. (ex: words, action, touch, attention)

5. Conversation, openness & honesty are desires wives have. Why do you think these are important to them? What are common obstacles to these in marriage?

6. Read 1 Timothy 5:8. What does God say about a man who doesn't take care of his family financially? Why do you think God speaks so strongly about this?

7. Since a wife desires family commitment from her husband, have each person in the group name at least one way a husband can demonstrate this.

8. What was the most meaningful statement or scripture to you from this week's message?

If you forget everything else, remember:

"The prize of marriage is intimacy." – **Dwight Mason**

Verse to remember:

"Husbands, give your wives much love." – **Colossians 3:19**