

Small Group Discussion Questions

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The Marriage Experts – Part 5 Marriage is Heart Work

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 marriage was a *book*, what would the *title* be?

Discussion Questions:

2. In this message Dwight stated that *before marriage opposites attract*, but *after marriage opposites attack*. Why do you think this happens?

3. Read Matthew 7:3-5. How do these verses *apply* to marriage?

4. Read Jeremiah 17:9-10. Since our hearts can *deceive* us, how can we be sure that what we think or feel about our marriage is *true*?

5. Name one way you and your spouse are *different*. How can the difference be *positive* for your marriage?

6. Identify one *unrealistic expectation* you had of your spouse before marriage? How has this expectation been *resolved*?

7. In this message we learned that the *worst sin* in marriage is *unforgiveness*. Why do you think this is so harmful? On a scale of 1-10 how would you rate the way you forgive your spouse?

8. Read Matthew 19:26 & Jeremiah 32:17. Do you know of a marriage that needs a *miracle* from God? Enlist the support of your group by praying for this marriage.

If you forget everything else, remember:

"The number one tool God is going to use in your spiritual growth is your spouse." – **Dwight Mason**

Verse to remember:

"With God everything is possible." – **Matthew 19:26**