

WEEK 1 GROUP GUIDE

SERIES OVERVIEW

How do I know if they're marriage material? How do I know if I am? What does a healthy relationship look like anyway? There are so many questions to consider for lasting relationships. It's time for some real talk about lasting relationships.

BIG IDEA

What is Marriage? And, how does the cultural perspective differ from a biblical perspective?

ICEBREAKER/CHECK-IN QUESTION

- If your life was a movie, what would be the title and who would play you in the lead role?
- Do you have any funny or embarrassing stories from a wedding you attended or were part of?

DISCUSS

- How has your view of marriage been shaped by culture, and how does it align with the biblical perspective presented in the message?
- Consider a time when you've seen a marriage positively impact the individuals involved. How did it inspire you or challenge your own thoughts about relationships? What were some of the defining characteristics that made it so great?
- What are some practical steps we can take to honor God's design for relationships in our daily lives, regardless of our current relationship status?
- How can we prioritize seeking God's purpose and design in our relationships, whether single, dating, or married?
- Share practical ways we can support and encourage one another in fostering healthy and fulfilling relationships within the context of our faith.

READ

- **HEBREWS 13:4**
- **2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

DISCUSS

- How does the concept of a holy covenant in Hebrews 13:4 change our perspective on marriage and its significance? What specific changes, if any, can we make in our approach to dating, marriage, or singleness based on the biblical concept of a holy covenant?
- In what ways can we embrace the truth of 2 Corinthians 5:17 in seeking newness and transformation in our relationships and personal lives?

PRAY

Dear God, guide us to honor Your design for relationships and seek Your blessings in our lives. Amen.