

MARRIED LIFE

Week Two | Marriage's Perseverance | 02.19-20.2022

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90-minute group gathering.

Series Recap: It can be challenging to know if you're on the same page as a couple. So join us this weekend for the start of a two-week series to discover the purpose and perseverance of marriage. You'll even get custom resources to help you as a couple.

- » **Opening** (3 minutes)
 - Introductions - This is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members.
 - Housekeeping - Clarify expectations:
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting.
 - **Remember, there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
 - Pray - Open your time together in prayer.
- » **Introduction** (12 minutes)
 - Ice-Breaker: Who is someone you know who has the kind of marriage you would like to have?
 - Digging Deeper: What makes that marriage appear so appealing?
- » **Key Principle | We don't drift into Godly marriages.** (10 minutes)
 - What is an area of your life that is easy to drift in and out of? What is the danger in treating our marriages this way?
- » **Kind Communication |** Read Ephesians 4:29 (10 minutes)
 - Define the difference between "corrupting talk" and words that are "good for building up." Which ones comes more naturally to you?
- » **Fair Fights |** Read Proverbs 12:18 (10 minutes)
 - Our words can be used to destroy or to bring healing. Why do you think we tend to tear down the ones we love the most?
- » **Keep Chasing |** Read Proverbs 15:18-19 (10 minutes)
 - What are some of the distractions that get in the way of pursuing meaningful connections with your spouse? What needs to change?
- » **Same Team |** Read Ruth 1:16-17 (10 minutes)
 - What is an area of your relationship where you are no longer in sync? Use this as an opportunity to start the conversation.
- » **No Grudges |** Read Ephesians 4:32 (10 minutes)
 - What point is Paul trying to make when he says, forgiving one another, "as God in Christ forgave you?"
- » **Next Steps and Prayer |** (15 minutes)
 - If you haven't already, take the Couple Check-Up we have provided. Your results are confidential and it's free to you with the code below:
 - [Assessment](#) - You can also find the link at ehills.org/weekend
 - Voucher Code - EHILLS-COUPLE-CHECKUP
 - Close by praying for one another's marriages. Pray for healing, restoration, and reconnection.