

This is a Discussion Guide based upon CRBC sermons. The questions provided below are for Home Group Leaders to utilize in facilitating discussions with their group. Home Group Leaders are encouraged to take these questions, re-arrange them, omit as required, add as required and change as required in order to best create a close Christian family that feels safe and secure to be open about their lives and their Christian walk. Please tailor as necessary based upon your leadership style and group dynamics.

I am not “married” to this product and I would love any critiques, questions, comments, etc... in order to make this product better for you and your group. Please feel free to email me (Michael Griffin) at airforce_griffin@yahoo.com

ICE BREAKER:

Kansas City Chiefs or San Francisco 49ers?
Would you eat horse meat?

SCRIPTURE:

Ephesians 5:22-33
Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

QUESTIONS:

- Why is it important for Pastor Rick to preach on marriage every year?
- Pastor Rick said, “Your marriage relationship has the potential to make or break life?” Do you feel this to be a true statement? Why or why not?
- What marriage model did you have growing up? What assumptions/expectations did it create in you that you brought into marriage? What frustrations did you / or are you encountering based upon these assumptions?
- Did you hash out details like, “who is going to get out of bed first?” or “who is going to do the laundry?” before you got married?
- We will spend thousands of dollars in gear, coaches, tournaments, etc... for our kids in sports, band, or whatever extra-curricular activities in order to make them better and more competitive in whatever they are in. If we acknowledge the importance of marriage in our lives, why don’t we put forth the same effort in making our marriages better?
- Is there a stigma to going to marriage counseling? Why do we wait until a crisis develops in marriage in order to get help and counseling? Why don’t we seek out help and guidance when marriage life is good? Do you see any benefit in meeting with a marriage counselor on a regular basis (say a couple of times a year)?
- Do you agree with the idea that our culture in general has abandoned the idea of doing things out of responsibility and instead pursuing what makes us happy? How does

marriage look different when you accept the responsibility of marriage over “I will stay married as long as I am happy?”

- In multiple locations, the Bible says that when a man and woman are joined in marriage that they become, “one.” What does this truly mean?
- How does marriage “sanctify” us?
- Read Ecclesiastes 2:1-11. King Solomon, one of the richest and most powerful man in history describes pursuing happiness. What did he conclude? (verse 11).
 - What did King Solomon mean when he said, “Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun.”?
- Men, what does it mean, “Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her.”?
- Women, what does it mean, “Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord.”?