

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:

What books have you read on marriage?

SCRIPTURE:

John 4:13-15

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

Matthew 3:13-17

Matthew 11

Luke 7:1-10

Matthew 12:49

Mark 14:6-9

ACTS OF SERVICE

John 13

GIVING GIFTS

Matthew 15

Luke 9

QUALITY TIME

Mark 4

Mark 17

PHYSICAL TOUCH

Mark 10:15-16

Matthew 17:7

Luke 4:40

QUESTIONS:

- Read John 4:1-30. In verse 6, it says “It was about the sixth hour.” That is about noon. What is significant about a lone woman going to the well to get water at noon? *Think about the heat of the day, most women came in a group for safety in the morning (Check out Ruth 2:22-23) for fear of being assaulted. This woman was most likely ostracized*

because of her sexual past. What is significant about the fact she was a Samaritan woman? This woman had a trifecta against her. She was a woman of ill repute, she was a woman and she was a Samaritan woman. Jesus was breaking through several societal barriers by talking to her.

- Read John 4:16-18. What was missing in this woman's life? What did Jesus offer her? (John 4:13-15)
- Do you honestly believe that Jesus loves you? Why or why not? Do you believe that by pursuing Jesus, you can find total fulfillment in your life? Why or why not? Does this mean life will always be happy and easy? Do you believe that by accepting the love and grace of Jesus Christ that it will enable you to love others better? If so, why? *In my view, when we fully embrace the love of Jesus Christ then we are totally fulfilled and thus we do not need it from someone else. People, no matter how wonderful they are, will disappoint and hurt us. That is just reality. But through the love of Jesus Christ, we can love others without expectation from the other person.*
- Pastor Rick said, "We have over romanticized this life until we believe there is someone out there who just magically knows everything we need." He also said, "That person does not exist." Do you believe this to be a true statement?
- Is it difficult for you to have an "adult conversation" with those you love (be it friend, family or spouse) to be transparent and honest about what you need and what the other needs? Why are these conversations so hard?
- How do you create an environment where these conversations can happen? What expectations or assumptions need to be established or cleared up before entering these conversations?
- Pastor Rick talked about the five love languages. Have you read this book? What did you think of it? What were the five love languages:
 - Words of Affirmation
 - Acts of Service
 - Giving Gifts
 - Quality Time
 - Physical Touch
- What is your love language? What is the love language of your spouse or loved one? Can these be applied to your close relationships as well? What do you do when you are not sure what your love language may be?
- Take a moment and talk about what each love language identified in the group really means in day to day life?
- What areas in your life do you try to find fulfillment in like the woman at the well (i.e. what do we pursue to fill our life that can only be filled by Jesus)?
- What happens in a marriage when one or both people love out of quid pro quo or as Pastor Rick said, "We find ourselves giving love to get love."
- Why did Pastor Rick say, "...odds are if you are killing your marriage you are killing your kids."?
- What happens in a relationship (not just marriage) when we follow Pastor Rick's challenge, "I challenge you as a follower of Jesus, give when you are not getting."?