



Part 1 – Why Marriage?
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HANG OUT (warming up to the topic)

1. Check in to see how everyone's week was.
2. Did you listen to the teaching? What was most challenging? What was most encouraging?

HEAR (listening to God through Scripture)

3. How would you define the purpose of marriage? What are some of the influences and experiences that shaped your definition?
4. When you run into conflict in a relationship, is your tendency to leave, try to win, conform, or compromise? How has that worked in the past?
5. **Read Genesis 2:15-18;** What stands out to you from this passage?
6. **Read Ephesians 5:1-2;** Does the idea of 'giving yourself up' to another person---without the expectation that they will fulfill your hopes, dreams, and desires---seem reasonable to you? Why or why not?

HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together)

7. What does your spouse (or future spouse) owe you? Nothing. Happy couples know they owe each other everything, but are owed nothing in return. So, take your cue from Jesus' all encompassing command: "As I have loved you, you are to love one another (John 13:34)." How can this group help support you in your relationship?
8. End in prayer.