



LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

Message Series: Giving Up
Message Title: Giving Up The Fairy Tale
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UP NEXT

- **Life Group Schedule** - There will be no scheduled Life Group Questions sent out the week of March 11th due to Spring Break. The last official week of Life Groups for this Spring will be the week of May 6th. May is very busy with Mother's Day, Graduations, and school ending. We don't want to add to the craziness. However, keep in mind, your Life Group is welcome to continue to meet after this time, there just won't be a Discussion Guide sent out.
- **Easter Sunday** - Sunday, April 1st - No fooling around, join us for one of our five Easter service times at 9:00am, 10:45am, 3:00pm, 4:30pm, & 6:00pm.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** - March 24th - Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for an epic morning at Reality Church. There will be games, face painting, balloon animals, pony rides, bunnies, pancakes... and multiple Easter Egg Hunts! Everything is free (although there will be a suggested donation for the Pancake Man). You can volunteer to serve at this event by going to reality.church/events.
- **Baptism Sunday** - March 18th - Come celebrate Baptism with us. If you or anyone you know would like to be baptized, please visit <http://www.reality.church/next-steps/baptism/>

MAIN IDEA

Trade the Hype for the Hope.

INTRODUCTION

- "It just didn't turn out to be the fairy tale I had so badly hoped for," taken from Kim Kardashian's *'Letter to her fans'* regarding filing for divorce 72 days after her wedding.
- Obviously, we should not take our cues from Culture on what it means to have a strong, healthy, committed marriage or relationship. Culture is obsessed with the Fairy Tale story of marriages. More specifically, the Fairy Tale wedding. Think about all the movies. How many movies have you seen where the final scene of the movie is a climactic finale of some wedding ceremony. Seemingly always with the tagline, "And they lived happily ever after..."
- Compare this with how movies you have seen where they show the next few years of marriage where each other are learning the truth about each other? Where couples are forming their relationship based around new discovered truths such as: He has anger issues, she has an intrusive mother, he still has an unpaid credit card from college, she struggles daily with insecurity from her past, he has a secret addiction, and on, and on, and on.
- Clearly, our culture is one-sided when it comes to marriage. The good parts. The Fairy Tale!

DISCUSSION

- What's the funniest wedding "fail" you have ever seen or heard of?
- What *fairy tale* about marriage did you believe growing up?
- Was there anything you dreamed of having in your wedding ceremony as a young child that you actually did have in your wedding ceremony?
 - If not married, what's something you would want to see (or would hate to see) in a wedding ceremony?
- Why do you think our culture is so drawn to believe the Fairy Tale version of marriages? Where does that come from? Is any part of it damaging to marriage?
- Why is there a draw for some to find their *Knight in Shining Armor*, *Perfect Women*, and/or *Prince Charming*?
- Is living "*Happily Ever After*" in marriage truly impossible? If yes, why? If not, then what might that look like?
- Have someone read ([1 Corinthians 13:4-7](#))
 - Which attribute about Love is comforting to you?
 - Which attribute about Love is intimidating for you?
 - Is there one of these that confuses you or you are uncertain about?

APPLY IT

- We need to trade the hype that culture offers for the hope that Christ offers.
- How are you going to do this in your relationships?