

From tHis Day Forward (Feb. 7 to 21)

Every wedding includes an exchanging of vows meant to solidify one's commitment to the other. And while the words in the ceremony are heartfelt, their true definition is revealed through the circumstances that follow — "from this day forward," "for better or worse," and "'til death do us part."

Group Discussion

Main Text: Mark 10:6-9 Additional Texts: Philippians 2:3-7, Ephesians 4:32, Ephesians 4:2, 1 Corinthians 13:4-5, Romans 8:35-39

Getting started: What gameshow or reality TV competition would you have the best chance at winning? Which would you have the worst chance at winning?

- 1. Read Mark 10:6-9. *The Power of Priority*. Leaving behind only happens when something else becomes more important. What was, or would be, most difficult for you to leave behind in order to enter into marriage? If marriage is supposed to be your most important earthly relationship, what challenges that priority most?
- 2. *The Power of Pursuit.* To be joined together means to pursue with all your heart. What does this look like in relationships?
- 3. The antidote for, "I meant to ...," is intentionality. How can you be more intentional in your marriage? How could you be more intentional in other relationships?
- 4. Read Philippians 2:3-4. How has Jesus modeled unselfish humility for us? Do you find more joy in having your needs and interests met, or in meeting the needs and interests of the other person?

- 5. Read Ephesians 4:32. How has Jesus shown undeserved grace to us? How should this change the way you see your spouse and others?
- 6. Read Ephesians 4:2 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-5. How well do you make allowance for others faults? How are you doing at keeping no record of being wronged?

Next Steps

Read Romans 8:35-39. How has Jesus shown us unswerving commitment? How should Jesus' committed love, give us committed love? How can you show unswerving commitment in your relationships this week?

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A one-day event. Feb. 27 in Jasper and March 6 in Loogootee. Register at RedemptionIN.com/artofmarriage