

Dear Life Group Leaders,

We are four weeks into our series, "Swipe Right". This week we'll talk about the power of unity in marriage because we are in a battle for a healthy, growing future.

We are praying for your marriages. We also celebrate our marriages because when we follow God's plan we experience all the best of what it is meant to be. The best is yet to come!

Much love, Pastor Randy

Swipe Right - Part 4 Worth Fighting For

We are believing that through our series God is helping you and that you are making adjustments that will greatly improve your marriage for a long and fulfilling life together.

ICEBREAKER

What are some crazy stories or bad advice you've heard about marriage? Do you generally hear great things or horrible things?

Scripture:

Proverbs 18:22, Exodus 17:9-13, Genesis 2:25-3:1, Song of Solomon 2:15, Matthew 10:16

Marriage Statistics

Studies suggest that married people have better sex, better health, wealth, and will probably die happier than other people, with lower likelihood of strokes, heart disease, and depression. Married people also respond better to stress and even heal more quickly.

Divorce Statistics

50% of 1st time marriages end in divorce 67% of 2nd marriages end in divorce 73% of 3rd marriages end in divorce

DISCUSSION

- 1. Whether you are married, single, married again, or even in the middle of a broken relationship now, how can you from this day forward start fighting for all that God wants for you? In the spirit of doing the next right thing, name one thing you can do, now.
- 2. The Enemy has gotten us to hate on something (marriage) that he broke. Talk about some ways we can combat this erroneous mindset we see in society?
- 3. Often, we forget to celebrate marriage. Who are some married couples that you know who really enjoy their marriage? What do they do to make it admirable?
- 4. We can apply to marriage the strategy God employed through Moses and Joshua leading the Israelites in battle. From Joshua we learn to; Keep a Cool Head. Unity releases power and strength.

What are some signs for you that you're blood pressure is rising and you need to cool your head? What have you found that helps you cool down?

- 5. Because conflict is inevitable we must learn to fight FOR our marriages and not just IN our marriages. Whether single or married what are some practical ways to fight for our most important relationship?
- 6. From Moses we learn to; Build Your Life on the Rock. It's takes strength to rise up in honor.

What steps do you take to keep your faith strong?

7. Moses raised his hands (in honor and worship), and Joshua drew his sword. How do we do this in our daily lives?

NEXT STEP

Moses had Aaron and Hur to support him. Who are the people in your life you rely on for help? How can you go about finding them if you don't have them?

PRAY

Close the lesson by praying for each other specifically in the fight for unity in each other's marriages and relationships. Share your heart with one another and how to pray for each other. Also, encourage each other in your prayer to bring others for the conclusion of Swipe Right this coming weekend.

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