

# RIVERS CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH

Community Group Discussion Guide  
September 30, 2018



## Family Goals – Week #3

### INTRO:

Describe your wedding day and your wedding venue? What was special about it? If you are not married, what was the best wedding you have ever been to and the venue it was at?

### DIVE IN:

1. Put the difference between a contract and a covenant in your own words. What is similar? What's Different?
2. Would you say that your marriage relationship more reflects a covenant or a contract currently?
3. Have you ever been in a contract dispute? Describe it?
4. Paul talked about the concept of "leave and cleave". As you think about your marriage, have you and your spouse separated from your "families of origin" well or are there still strings attached?
5. What family traditions you have carried over into your marriage? Have they caused friction or been helpful? If you're single, what family traditions do you hope to see carried into potential future relationships?
6. In your marriage or dating relationship, what expectations you didn't know about came up later because you didn't read the "fine print"?
7. Read over and discuss Genesis 2:24, Malachi 2:13-15, and Mark 10:6-9. What jumps out at you? What is the Holy Spirit speaking to you to share with the other as you read?
8. Pastor Paul discussed what "hold fast" means in the text: cling, stick, stay close, cleave, keep close, stick to, stick with, follow closely, join to, overtake, catch, pursue, How are you doing this in your marriage relationship? What area(s) do you feel God prompting you to intentionally improve in?

Take inventory: Take the last 15-20 minutes of group for each couple to think about and discuss with each other where their marriage is at. Take an honest assessment of if it's more covenant, more contract, or some of both, or you haven't thought about it at all in these terms. If you are willing to be transparent share with the others where you are at. Maybe you all on the rocks and ready to lawyer up? If you're single, how does the concepts of covenant and contract help you have better perspective for potential future relationships? Share with the others so they can pray for you all. If it's covenant, share tips with the other on how to keep it in the covenant zone.

### NOW WHAT:

1. What part of this week's message has had the greatest impact on you? What truth(s) has God taught you through the message and our group discussion?

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2. What do you need to do with that truth this week to become a fully engaged follower of Jesus?